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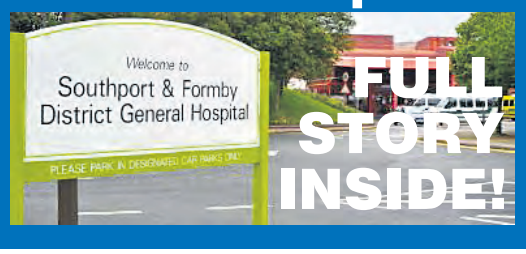

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Dognapping fears after homes marked with red pens

Skem Police are warning dog owners to be vigilant

POLICE in Skelmersdale have warned pet owners to be on their guard after they received reports of windows in properties with dogs being marked with red pens.

The police are concerned that the markings may have been left by dognappers.

A spokesman for Skelmersdale Police said: "We have had reports of suspicious circumstances where windows have been marked with red pen to properties with dogs. Please be vigilant and report anything to us."

Last year in Bristol a Neighbourhood Watch scheme said that dognappers were putting a pink cross on homes with a small dog, a yellow sign for a medium sized dog and a red mark for homes with a bigger dog.

The Kennel Club has said the best way to prevent dognapping is for owners to get their pets microchipped.

A spokesman for the Kennel Club commented: "The Kennel Club is in favour of making microchipping compulsory for all dogs.

"The government has announced a package of measures to promote responsible dog ownership which includes the introduction of compulsory microchipping."

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Council agree controversial move to introduce annual charge to collect garden waste despite residents' disapproval

Report by **Henry James**

COUNCILLORS at West Lancashire Borough Council have agreed a controversial proposal to introduce an annual charge of £30 to collect garden waste from next year... despite overwhelming opposition from residents.

Before the charge was agreed at a council meeting held last Wednesday, a residents' survey carried out by the council revealed 83 per cent of people were against the initiative, but that failed to stop the Labour controlled council from going ahead with the charge.

The same proposal was put forward last year, but the council decided against introducing it and at that time 72 per cent of locals were against it.

The council also received a petition, signed by more than 900 people and organised by members of the independent political group, Our West Lancashire. The petition called for the proposal to be withdrawn.

At the meeting, the council agreed further options for savings totalling more than £570,000.

The council needs to save around £1.44m in its 2017/18 budget. A wide range of measures that will not impact on residents have previously been approved by the authority to address this situation.

These include negotiating reductions in existing contract costs; ensuring that the council get all the income due from council tax and business rates; building new industrial units to rent; and the purchase of the Wheatsheaf Walks site in Ormskirk town centre. However even after all of these measures were taken into account there was still a large budget gap.

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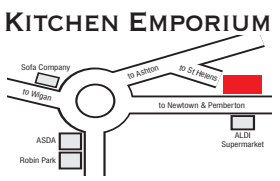

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Suspended hospital chief sacked by Trust for gross misconduct

Report by **Ollie Cowan**

SOUTHPORT and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust's suspended Chief Executive, Jonathan Parry, has been sacked for gross misconduct, the Champion can reveal.

Staff at the Town Lane hospital were informed yesterday, Tuesday, that the disgraced boss, who has been the subject of an extensive investigation for over 12 months, was sacked from his role after it was found that he was guilty of 11 counts of misconduct and seven counts of gross misconduct.

It has not been disclosed yet as to what the misconduct relates to but Mr Parry does have a right of appeal. The announcement follows the outcome of a disciplinary hearing which reviewed 21 allegations of misconduct.

The disciplinary panel found evidence on 11 counts of misconduct, seven of which amounted to gross misconduct. The panel's recommendation has been accepted and implemented by the Trust Board.

Trust Chair, Sue Musson, who this week announced she is to step down from her role, said, "This has been a very serious and complex matter for the Trust.

"Resolving this disciplinary case (subject to any appeal) will now enable the Board to focus on our future and on the Trust's key priority, delivering high quality, sustainable healthcare services to our local population.

'This has been a very serious and complex matter'

Jonathan Parry - sacked for gross misconduct

The investigation, which has been led by both internal and external medical bosses, scrutinised the activities of four trust members, two of whom – former chief operating officer Sheilah Finnegan and human resources director Sharon Partington are still under investigation despite having left the employment of Southport Hospital.

Mr Parry, 59, had worked for Southport Hospital Trust for more than 28 years and was featured in a high profile medical journal in 2009 speaking of his rise through the ranks of the NHS from hospital porter to eventually being appointed CEO of the Town Lane-based trust in 1999.

At the time he was lauded as one of the youngest and fastest rising stars of the NHS when he became Chief Executive.

In 1999, he was Project Director for the successful merger of acute services in Southport and Ormskirk and subsequently led the redesign of clinical services and the £60million building project to enhance clinical facilities on both sites.

Prior to his job at Southport Hospital he had worked at a senior level in hospitals in Newcastle, Edinburgh, Wirral and Salford.

Speaking in 2009 he said: "I chose the NHS because I didn't want to work for a company that made a profit. I got to experience all levels and issues in the NHS from the very beginning by doing the national graduate administration scheme.

"So I've done all the jobs in a hospital from portering and catering to working in the operating theatre and shadowing the district nurse." Mrs Musson has accepted the position of Chair at Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. She will take up the post on January 1 2017.

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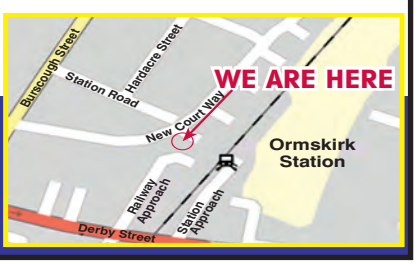

They've shown voters 'utter contempt' over £30 green bin fee

Report by **Henry James**

OUR West Lancashire councillor, Adrian Owens and the Conservative group have slammed Labour for showing "utter contempt" for residents to press ahead with the £30 green bin charge.

Our West Lancashire councillor, Adrian Owens said: "Labour has shown their utter contempt for local residents.

"They cynically withdrew the proposal when they had to face the election in May and then brought it back immediately afterwards. Meanwhile opposition to the green bin charge has grown to a huge 83%.

"Politicians are meant to serve the public. There were alternative options available, but Labour chose to ignore the overwhelming thumbs down the public gave this idea.

"This change will impact greatest on the elderly and disabled who are less likely to be able to drive to the council tip and as it's a flat fee, it takes no account of ability to pay.

"Our West Lancashire raised a large petition from residents in every ward of the Borough against this ill-conceived charge and we will continue to point out its unintended consequences and shortcomings. Labour will regret their decision to ignore voters in this way."

While Cllr. David Westley, Conservative Leader, said: "The £30 charge for Green Waste Collections is a regressive measure as it takes no account of homeowner's ability to pay and equates to an 8% increase in Council Tax for Band D properties.

Our West Lancashire Borough councillor, Adrian Owens

"Why did Labour bother to go through a costly public consultation exercise and then completely ignore the overwhelming 83% who voted against the introduction of the charge."

Officers at the council warned in a report for the meeting that the charge for green waste could have an impact on activity levels and lead to a reduction in staff.

Council act on 'challenging financial position'

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Consequently a public consultation was held with residents, community organisations and businesses on a number of savings proposals. The council meeting on October 19 considered these consultation results as well as the challenging financial position facing all local authorities and other relevant factors and then agreed to:

- Introduce an annual charge of £30 to collect garden waste from next year
- Charge £25 per year per bin to have an extra green bin emptied
- Remove static recycling sites across the Borough
- Reduce the time period for discretionary Council Tax discounts on empty properties
- Reduce the car allowances paid to staff and Councillors for business mileage

At the meeting Councillors also agreed not to cease garden waste collections during the winter, and deferred making decisions on a range of matters including:

- Modest reductions in the number of CCTV cameras in the lowest priority areas and in live monitoring in off peak periods
- A review of street cleaning work which includes local businesses being encouraged to take responsibility for the area around their premises, and the increased use of volunteers.
- A new approach to public toilets provision

Following these decisions the council faces a remaining budget gap of £390,000 in its budget for 2017/18. Consideration will be given over the next few months to how this gap can be closed through the budget process and the council will then set its final budget for 2017/18 at its meeting in February 2017.

Councillor Chris Wynn, portfolio holder for finance, said: "The council manages its budgets effectively to ensure the authority provides excellent value for money. In previous years we have made savings while minimising any effects on services, but now these options have been used up. Due to continued cuts in government funding we have to make tough decisions that may affect a number of residents.

"We want to thank everyone who took part in the public consultation. We have taken people's views into account when making these decisions."

Over the last seven years, the council has reduced its annual budget requirement by well over 30%. Some of the main measures were savings of over £500,000 per year made through a partnership agreement with Lancashire County Council and BT Lancashire Services for the delivery of Revenues, Benefits and IT services; and budget streamlining savings of £645,000 to reduce costs by efficiencies without affecting services.

In addition last year the council consulted residents and local organisations about efficiencies, income increases and savings as part of a package of measures worth £1.7m. These are now being implemented, and include:

- Staff savings of almost £175,000 primarily from a restructure of senior management
- Streamlining spending across all service areas by around £220,000
- Increasing income from planning fees, street naming, rents from commercial properties, solar panels and council tax.

With regard to the green bin charge, a council spokesperson told the Champion: "Residents can now choose whether or not they wish to use the Council's garden waste service.

"If they do not wish to pay the charge they do not have to use our service and can dispose of their garden waste by other appropriate and legal means.

"Each household that has paid the charge will have its garden waste bin labelled so staff know it is to be emptied.

"There won't be any discounts or exemptions to the garden waste service charge. If households wish to use our service they will have to pay."

Details about the garden waste charge scheme will be provided to all residents in due course.

Budget cuts and increased charges are 'poorly thought out' says Tory leader

THE Conservative Group has criticised Labour's Budget cuts and increased charges - blasting them in particular for new Green Bin charges, which West Lancs Tories say are "poorly thought out, represent unnecessary cuts in important frontline services, and mean residents will be paying more for less."

As well as the new £30 charge for green waste collection, they also hit out at plans to remove static recycling sites across the borough and charging elderly and disabled council tenants £5 per week for gardening services.

Cllr. David Westley, Conservative leader on West Lancs council, said: "This is the same old Labour Party that can never do anything but slash frontline services and charge more.

"I appreciate that Labour are distracted by their internal party squabbling over Corbyn's leadership but it is inexcusable that they have failed to come up with any ideas or initiatives to improve the efficiency of the council." The Conservative group said Labour still need to find savings of £0.5m to balance next year's budget so more cuts in services will be announced in February along with a further two per cent increase in Council Tax.

Councillor David Westley

The Tories believe Labour are likely to include the options they deferred last week: close three public toilets; cut street sweeping and litter collections; and remove some CCTV cameras and reduce live monitoring.

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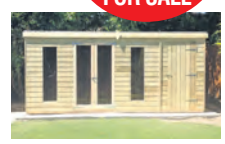
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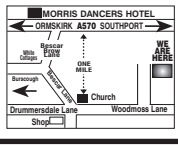

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County council still looking at takeover of properties by community groups

Report by **Henry James**

LANCASHIRE County Council says it is working hard to progress bids from community groups to take on responsibility for "surplus" buildings, and has now set a deadline for new bids to be considered.

Anyone who would like to make an expression of interest in buildings which the council has said it no longer needs following agreement of a new Property Strategy, has until Monday, October 31 to do so.

The Property Strategy will reduce the number of buildings the council owns and rents, and form a network of multi-functional buildings known as Neighbourhood Centres, which will provide a base for a range of different services in one place.

Councillors decided, in the last few months, to close libraries in Up Holland, Burscough and Parbold.

The Department for Culture, Media and Sport is to look into some of the library closures in Lancashire.

As part of the consultation process for the strategy, held over three months this summer, there was an opportunity for community groups to submit expressions of interest in taking over the running of surplus properties.

All organisations who expressed an interest were provided with detailed property information, including running costs, and had until mid-August to supply a detailed business case to support what is called a community asset transfer.

The county council is now working with community groups to progress more than 30 business cases relating to surplus properties.

The Burscough Library building

Any new bids for buildings where a business case has already been submitted will have to demonstrate exceptional community benefit to be considered

The capital value of the building will also be considered when deciding whether community asset transfer is appropriate.

County Councillor David Borrow, deputy leader of the county council and cabinet member for finance and property, said: "We're asking anyone who thinks they may want to run one of the buildings which the council no longer needs, for the benefit of their local community, to make contact with us by the end of October.."

If you are interested in the independent community library model and haven't already expressed an interest get in touch with the county council by emailing the asset and service transfer team at assetandservicetranfer@lancashire.gov.uk

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Developers apply to build social houses on derelict site

Report by **Henry James**

AN application has been received by the borough council to build 23 social houses at the former Sutches Farm, Castlehey in Skelmersdale.

The affordable housing proposal has been put forward by Edison Developments Ltd.

The site contains a former farm and outbuildings. It previously included a number of listed buildings but these were lost following a series of fires. The site of the development is now derelict and overgrown.

St Luke's RC Primary School is to the south of the site and Sutches farm can be found between Castlehey and Stannought Road, which connects to Junction 5 of the M58.

Digmoor shopping parade, which contains The Duck public house, a pharmacy, a post office, and a dentist is near the location.

Developers want to build two bed terraced houses and a number of three bed houses and access to the homes would be from Castlehey.

There would be room at the front of the properties for car parking with private gardens to the side and rear. There would be 33 car parking spaces for the 23 homes. A tree survey has been submitted as part of the application. Developers want to remove trees within the site and to retain the mature trees to the south of the site entrance. They have said that none of the trees are the subject of a Tree Preservation Order.

A computer generated design of what the development will look like

NJSR Chartered Architects of Southport and Manchester have written the design and access statement for the proposal. They commented that the landscaping scheme is designed to give an "interesting and varied outlook for residents.

"The design also benefits from a number of trees that are also required under the West Lancashire's Supplementary Planning Guides."

The planning statement for the application says: "The proposal provides for much needed affordable housing on a brownfield site within the settlement area of Skelmersdale and consent is requested."

The application will be decided by the Planning Committee of West Lancashire Borough Council.

Hotter submit plans to add shop to factory tour

BOSSES at Hotter shoes have submitted a planning application to convert part of the office space at their base at West Pimbo, into a factory outlet shop.

The shop would serve customers who go on the factory tour of the premises.

If the application is granted existing shopfront windows will be replaced with new shopfront and entrance doors, which will create a new separate entrance into the factory shop.

In an application statement Hotter said: "Hotter is proud to be the largest manufacturer of footwear in the UK and the Factory Shop is an important part of our strategy and celebration of our shoemaking credentials."

Hotter bosses believe the Factory Shop will bring additional visitors and create an additional draw for customers.

A spokesperson for Hotter added: "Previously our factory tours have had a two year waiting list and the Factory Shop will enhance the experience for our customers giving them the opportunity to browse our current collection and factory seconds whilst finding out how we make our fantastic shoes."

Concourse's Halloween event promises to be fang-tastic!

SHOPPERS at The Concourse are in for a spooktacular time when centre bosses host a family-friendly Halloween event – with no tricks but plenty of treats.

Children are invited to get dressed up and head to the centre this Saturday (October 29) where there will be spooky backdrops and decorations, supplied by Pretty Little Things.

Young visitors can have their faces painted, and get a free SFX Halloween make-up effect, such as a scar, which will be available in the West Square by the make-up artist at local store Trimmers. They can also enjoy some photo-booth fun with props from Poundland and Max Spielmann.

Afterwards, shoppers can take a selfie in front of the Halloween backdrops around the centre and load them on to the Concourse's Facebook page or tweet @shopconcourse with the hashtag #ConcourseHalloween to be in with the chance of winning a prize.

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Concourse shopping centre retail marketing manager Jennifer Burnett (left) and market hall traders look forward to their Halloween Spooktacular fun day on October 29.

There's also a "find the pumpkin" competition around the centre, with free chocolates for all participants, available in the West Square. There will also be a prize for the lucky participant selected at random with the right answer. Young people from the Artz Centre, Skelmersdale's creative arts hub, will be staging performances throughout the event and in the market hall dancers from Becki Lou's Dance Studio will be staging a live Thriller performance at 1pm.

Market hall tenants have also organised other fun events, including Burt the friendly Spider by Yves Couture, a werewolf DJ, facepainter, friendly zombies, and some favourite children's characters will also be saying hello to shoppers.

Bobbie's Boutique and the Sweet Stall will be offering a bag of sweets to youngsters who dress up in suitable Halloween style, who'll also be given the chance to win a sweet hamper.

Jennifer Burnett, retail marketing manager at the Concourse Shopping Centre, said: "We want everyone to have a fiendishly good time at the Concourse this year and we're looking forward to welcoming friendly ghouls, ghosts and witches on the day."

Massarella's Coffee Shop is also holding a Halloween drawing competition from now until the event, which takes place between 10am and 2pm on Saturday.

Council contractors under fire for parking on pavements

Report by **Henry James**

COUNCIL contractors who have been upgrading kitchens in Blakehall, have been criticised for parking on the pavements.

Residents have contacted the Champion claiming it is dangerous for children, as it means they have to walk in the roads and dodge the vehicles.

Karen Guinness commented: "I want to highlight council-employed builders parking on pavements in the town while conducting upgrades of the kitchens in council properties.

"Despite continually being asked to park more respectfully, they (contractors) continue to ignore us, and the situation is forcing our children to walk in the roads.

The council has apologised for contractors parking on pavements

"I have contacted the council to report them and will next be contacting the police as all those vans need to be ticketed in my view because of the danger they are presenting.

"They are putting our children in a dangerous position."

However, since the complaints were made, a spokesperson for West Lancashire Borough Council told the Champion: "The issue of parking has been raised with the contractors concerned and we do not expect any further problems.

"We would like to apologise to residents for any inconvenience caused."

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Regulars raise a glass to Bill and Brenda!

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A COUPLE from Burscough were thrilled to celebrate tying the knot in front of their friends and family by celebrating their special day in a unique one-off celebration at their favourite pub!

Retired former BT employees Bill Tomlinson and Brenda Christophorou were co-workers and friends for a number of years before their friendship blossomed into love – and Bill was thrilled to say yes when Brenda got down on one knee to pop the question on Valentine's Day this year at the Hop Vine in Burscough after borrowing the microphone off the venue's singer!

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The pub's landlords Mike and Julie McCombe applied for a special licence from Lancashire County Council to host the one-off wedding celebration at the venue as it meant so much for the love-birds to marry at the pub where they got engaged!

Bill Tomlinson said: "We have been together for seven years and we moved to Burscough because of our love for the area. On Valentine's Day, Brenda 'borrowed' the microphone off the singer and proposed to me in public! Mike and Julie got a license off the council and we were able to enjoy a unique, magical occasion at the pub. The weather was fabulous, Brenda got her wish and arrived at the pub in a horse and carriage and the day was magical."

Bill and Brenda Tomlinson with friends and family on their special day

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Young people in town are invited to take part in sporting activities

YOUNG people from the estates of Digmoor and Tanhouse are being invited to take part in sporting activities over the winter months.

The scheme is being run by Skelmersdale Action for Youth and is being held at Evermoor Hub in Digmoor on a Monday and Friday evening.

Among the activities will be roller skating, crossbow events and karting. Sessions are from 5pm to 6pm and are for young people who are of the ages of seven and above, who are both male and female.

Alan Lewis from SAY said: "We are working closely with Skelmersdale Police to encourage young people to participate in the sports.

"We have already seen young people enjoy the activities and parents have told us that they are encouraging their children to exercise more and are trying to take them away from the television and computer games.

"Police officers said it was also giving them the chance to talk to parents who attend the sessions and speak to the young people and build relationships with them."

SAY are involved in the Bright Sparx Campaign working with Wigan Athletic Community Trust, Community Safety Partnership, Lancashire Fire and Rescue, the police and the Evermoor Hub in the run-up to Halloween and Bonfire night.

Mr Lewis added: "We would like to thank Inspector June Chessell and all her Neighbourhood team officers, who have supported a number of different activities throughout the year."

Biker who fled scene of accident is spared jail

By our **Court Reporter**

Court told pillion passenger was left on ground with life-threatening injuries

A SKELMERSDALE man who crashed a motor-bike and then fled the scene while his mate was on the ground with serious injuries, has vowed never to offend again after magistrates spared him jail.

As Mark Webster, 28, of Birleywood, appeared at Sefton Magistrates Court on October 21, prosecutor Lynn Clark told of how on the evening of May 22 he crashed a Kawasaki 600 Ninja motorcycle into a car on Fylde Road, Southport, while his friend was riding pillion.

"A witness was driving a Vauxhall Corsa and describes being on Fylde Road, which is a 20 mph zone," Miss Clark said, "It was her intention to go into the Co-op and as she started to slow down to turn into the car park she checked the road was clear. She then describes that she suddenly sees a green flash coming towards her at speed. She tried to get out of the way but said she could not get out of the way quick enough." Miss Clark said that the woman heard an "almighty bang" as the bike hit the side of her car which caused the passenger airbag to inflate. "She got out of the car and sees the green motor-bike on the floor and two males. One male was standing up and one of the males appeared to be seriously injured."

Miss Clark said the woman was shaking, had difficulty sleeping, and suffered stiffness and headaches after the incident. She took herself to hospital the following day where she was told she was suffering "severe shock". Webster's friend suffered major trauma to his back and pelvis, broken ribs and a possible punctured lung.

The accident in Fylde Road, Southport

Miss Clark told the court that Webster fled the scene and that a police helicopter and dogs were called to search for him, to no avail. Police subsequently issued a public appeal for witnesses to the accident, she said, and a number of anonymous people identified Webster as the rider.

As he appeared at the court, Mr Webster brought with him a bag, as he was expecting to go to jail. He pleaded guilty to riding a motor-bike without due care and attention, failing to stop after an accident, failing to report an accident, and riding a bike without a licence or insurance.

The court heard that he had 13 convictions for 21 offences, going back to 2004, including convictions for assault, arson, and most recently in 2014 for drink driving. His solicitor, Sinead Fearon, said that he had bought the bike with the intention of selling it on for a profit. "His friend came to look at it and he made the foolish decision to take him out for a spin."

"If he had stayed at the scene he would not be facing the most serious charges of failing to stop and failing to report an accident. Had he done that he would not be facing a custodial sentence today. That is something that he has to live with," she said.

Saying that he had shown a great deal of remorse, Ms Fearon added: "He was scared to put it bluntly. He was frightened about the consequences of what had happened."

After a probation report highlighted that Mr Webster suffers from ADHD and that his condition and anxiety probably contributed to his poor decision making, and also that he is the father of three children, the magistrates agreed to suspend a 20-week prison sentence for 12 months.

They ordered that he stay indoors between the hours of 7pm and 7am for nine weeks, and made him pay £580 in costs and victim surcharge. Six points were also added to his licence which led to him being disqualified from driving for 12 months, as he already had six points on his licence.

As he was released from the dock, he said to the magistrates: "If I can just say this, thank you very much. I will not be attending court again."

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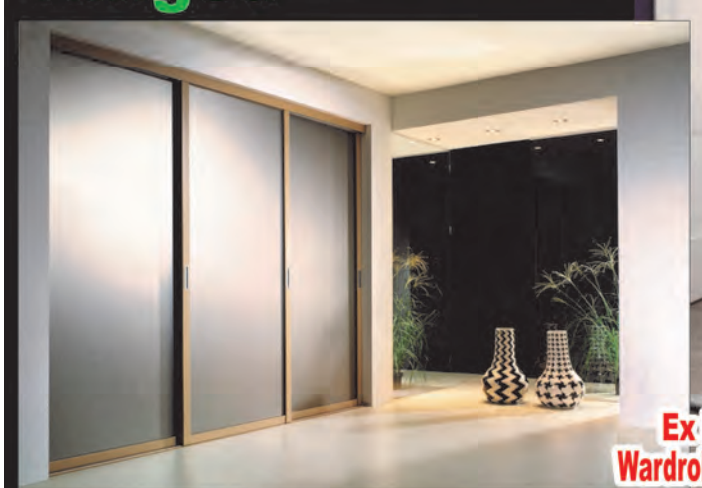

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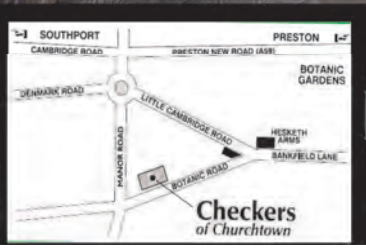

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New £1.7m business centre opens in town

Report by **Henry James**

Facility at Gorsey Place will help meet demand for smaller units

Aidan Manley, West Lancashire Borough Council development surveyor; Jeff Hook, construction director for Keepmoat in the North West; Cllr Moran, leader of West Lancashire Borough Council and cabinet member for economic regeneration; Rachel Kneale West Lancashire Borough Council estates and valuation manager; Ian Clemow (NPS Service manager, Architecture)

A NEW £1.7m business centre in Skelmersdale is now open.

West Lancashire Borough Council has developed the Greenwood Business Centre at Gorsey Place, Skelmersdale, to help meet demand for smaller factory units suitable for distribution, light industry and manufacturing purposes.

Eleven high quality, new industrial units will be targeted at small to medium sized enterprises and will create new jobs.

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The council say units are being snapped up fast by local companies and inward investors, and five are already reserved. Companies interested in taking a unit can contact the Council's Estates Team on 01695 712616 or email aidan.manley@westlancs.gov.uk

The cost of the new Greenwood Business Centre is around £1.74m and is being financed by a combination of council resources set aside for such purposes and "prudentially" borrowing the remainder.

Councillor Ian Moran, leader of West Lancashire Borough Council and cabinet member for economic regeneration, said: "The council is investing in the borough and the Greenwood Business Centre provides great value for money. The scheme will create jobs, boost the local economy and the rental revenue will help the council balance its budget.

"We are ambitious for the economy and the project complies with priorities in the council Plan to retain and grow jobs and encourage business and wealth.

"This scheme is already a great success and we may look to develop more projects to create new and improved business premises."

Housing and Regeneration specialist Keepmoat has built the units on behalf of the council and the authority has also worked with management consultants NPS on the project. Keepmoat worked with the council, West Lancashire College and local training agencies to provide traineeships and work experience placements for local people.

Jeff Hook, construction director for Keepmoat in the North West, said: "Keepmoat are delighted to have been part of this fantastic scheme which has allowed us to play an integral part in delivering these great new premises and to continue our working in Partnership with West Lancashire Borough Council.

"The scheme will provide young new and existing businesses the opportunity to grow and flourish within a modern environment and this is another great example of the wider investment that is currently underway in the borough through commerce, skills and job creation."

Youngsters urged to 'Go4it' at fire station

YOUNG people will be able to enjoy a range of activities at Skelmersdale Fire Station leading up to Bonfire Night - in a bid to keep them out of harms way and reduce anti-social behaviour.

The event is open to all age groups but children under 11 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership has organised the free annual 'Go4it' programme at the fire station as part of its annual Bright Sparx Campaign.

Activities take place on Thursday, November 3 and Friday, November 4 between 5pm and 8pm.

Young people can show off their football skills in a penalty shoot-out and 'beat the goalie' games. They can also test their nerve on a simulator game of the television show Wipe Out, and have a go at inflatable boxing.

There will also be two funfair stalls, and facepainting and nail art organised by Lancashire County Council's Wellbeing, Prevention and Early Help Service, who will also have staff members supporting the event.

Skelmersdale Fire Station

Matthew Hamer, Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service station manager for West Lancashire, said: "Young people from the Skelmersdale area can attend Skelmersdale Fire Station over the two nights, when we will provide them with plenty of enjoyable activities.

"The station will be a safe environment for local young people, and assist with reducing the risk of people being hurt in fire related incidents. It also provides somewhere that is fun for young people to enjoy themselves and engage with the other supporting agencies."

Dave Tilleray, West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership chairman, said: "Go4it activities are a major part of the Bright Sparx Action plan which aims to reduce anti-social behaviour around this time of year."

Councillor Kevin Wright, cabinet member for community safety, said: "These events have been really enjoyable in the past and I am sure they will be so again this year."

There are plenty of other events being organised in the run up to Bonfire Night by Lancashire County Council's Wellbeing, Prevention and Early Help Service, particularly at the Youth Zone in Skelmersdale.

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Barge recreates canal's first ever journey to celebrate 200th birthday

Crowds and officials greet canal boat Kennet as she arrives at Burscough Wharf recreating the first Leeds to Liverpool canal voyage 200 years ago.

WEST LANCS residents turned out in droves to celebrate the 200th birthday of the completion of the Leeds-Liverpool canal.

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

The historic Leeds and Liverpool Canal Society's short boat Kennet recreated the inaugural 1816 ceremonial journey 127 miles across the Pennines from Leeds to Liverpool.

A number of celebration events were held across the route as brass bands, flotillas of boats and crowds of well-wishers greeted the boat as it made its way through Yorkshire, Lancashire and Merseyside, past mills and moorland - including Burscough - and some of the country's most spectacular scenery.

The events were supported by the Canal & River Trust, which cares for the canal.

The boat, Kennet, passed through Burscough Wharf on Saturday, October 22, when it was be greeted by the West Lancs Mayor, Councillor Liz Savage, the West Lancs town crier, Alderman Alan Bullen, Richard Parry from the Canal and River Trust and crowds of local residents in a celebration organised by the Burscough Heritage Group. West Lancashire Council was presented with a commemorative certificate by Freda Childs, chair of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal Society.

The boat then carried on, being cheered past the Mersey Motor Boat Club in Lydiate just after 6pm.

The original five day journey in 1816 represented a triumph of completing the project.

There were numerous debates about the exact route of the canal. Construction began in 1770 at either end and by 1777 the canal was open from Leeds to Gargrave and from Liverpool to Parbold.

At this stage the money ran out and work stopped until 1790 and it wasn't until 1816 that the last section between Wigan and Johnson's Hillock, near Chorley, was finished, completing the project.

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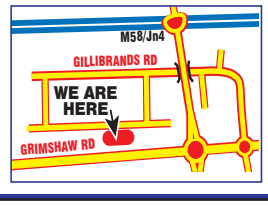

Uni bosses open £13m 'tech cave'

West Lancs Mayor Coun Liz Savage and Consort Coun Noel Delaney at last week's official opening of The Tech Hub.

A NEW £13million Technology Hub has been officially opened at Edge Hill University.

The Hub, which houses the UK's first four-screen cave automatic virtual environment (CAVE) was opened by entrepreneur Sir Robin Saxby in an opening ceremony which was attended by West Lancs Mayor, Councillor Liz Savage, last week.

The CAVE will offer students and businesses the chance to fully immerse themselves in a virtual room. Using real data to replicate reality, users will be able to experience real life scenarios in 4k resolution, anything from emergency situations to complex surgery and lab reactions.

Housing state-of-the-art biotechnology laboratories, big data servers for research and a Harvard style lecture theatre, the building will also house a programmable child-sized robot and giant 3D interactive teaching screens.

The Hub aims to be a resource for students and employers across Lancashire, including those in the food manufacturing and digital creative industries.

A 'Tech Sandpit' will bring together students and business to discuss challenges and ideas which can then be developed using expertise from across computer science and biotechnology.

Budding entrepreneurs will also be able to tap into the skills and knowledge of the University and local industry in 'The Hatchery', a working space for new business ideas.

Mark Allanson, Pro Vice-Chancellor at Edge Hill University, said: "Having this dedicated facility for technology shows the University's commitment to technological innovation, computing and bioscience and reflects our success in producing employable, highly skilled graduates who contribute to the regional economy and beyond.

"These cutting-edge facilities and systems are an asset for the whole community and will help strengthen our partnerships within business and increase our research capabilities."

County Council in bid to find carers for disabled adults

Report by **Henry James**

LANCASHIRE county council has launched a new search for potential carers who could make a difference to the lives of people living with a disability who need support.

The council's Shared Lives service brings people, families and communities together. The concept is similar to foster care for adults, where carers share their home and family life with an adult who needs help. Each individual comes from a different background and needs a different level of care - some need advice and guidance whilst others will require more direct support with daily tasks such as cooking, laundry and managing money or budgets.

The service, the largest in the country, has recently been recognised as 'outstanding' by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) and currently supports 377 people in 288 households, with 227 of those receiving long-term care.

County Councillor Tony Martin, cabinet member for adult and community services, said: “Our carers come from all types of backgrounds and do a superb job. They are friendly, have lots of enthusiasm for the people they look after and find it very rewarding.

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Uni rugby sides join forces to help city's homeless

The Rugby Union teams at Edge Hill University have helped Liverpool's homeless

THE RUGBY Union teams at Edge Hill University joined forces to help tackle the homeless on the streets of Liverpool by handing out food, water and clothes.

During a committee meeting held by the Men's Rugby Union team, they decided they wanted to try and remove the negative stigma attached to men's rugby, and do something good for the community.

After inviting the rest of the team to participate in the campaign, the committee received such a positive response with the majority volunteering to help. They then approached the women's team and they wanted to get involved too.

The teams worked together to find out the location of the largest homeless population in Liverpool, so they could help as many people as possible. They funded the cost of the food and water, and the tasks were split, with the men's team making sandwiches, and the women's making pasta.

"The night itself was certainly an eye opener for all involved," said Steven Rouke, chairman of the men's Rugby Union team. "We met people who'd been on the streets for a few days due to failed mortgage payments and those who have lived a life on the streets, partly through their own admission due to bad decisions and through a vicious life circle.

"It certainly showed all of us involved that it could happen to anyone at any stage, and we shouldn't take the luxuries we have for granted. We wanted to do something positive as a group and whatever these people had or hadn't done in their lives was irrelevant, they were still sleeping on the streets and were worse off than any of us."

Matthew Greenhalgh, president of the Students' Union and University Governor, has also been involved with the project.

"As a previous chairman of the Men's Rugby Union Club at Edge Hill University, I am incredibly proud of the work being done to improve the club's impact on local communities, helping and supporting those who are in need," said Matthew. "The work continues on ambitions I set for the club during my term and it is great to see. As President of the Students' Union, it also honours me to see the work that this club do."

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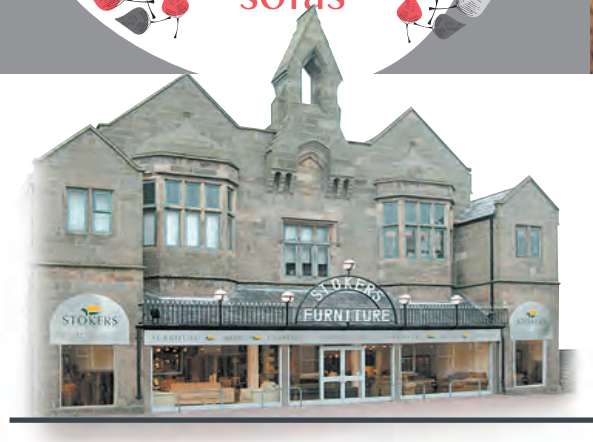

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Skem youth group to hold Remembrance dinner in Digmoor

Report by **Henry James**

SKELMERSDALE Action For You (SAY) is set to hold a Remembrance Dinner at the Evermoor Hub in Digmoor.

The youth group is inviting veterans and their family and friends to a three course meal and disco on Saturday, November 12 starting at 6.15pm.

Alan Lewis from SAY said: "With the success of the dinner for the Battle of The Somme, we decided we would like to invite members of all armed services and their family and friends to a second event."

SAY held an event in July of this year to mark the 100th anniversary of The Battle of the Somme, again at the Evermoor Hub.

Mr Lewis added: "This is the time of year when we remember those who fought in both World Wars. People who fought in more recent conflicts in Northern Ireland, the Falklands, Kuwait and Afghanistan are also remembered. Many veterans also lose close colleagues in war."

Alan would also like to hear from the family members of people serving in the forces and is asking them to come along to the dinner. He has invited the Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Liz Savage, other veterans from Skelmersdale Ex-services Association and is calling on local people to support the dinner.

Alan Lewis of SAY hopes the dinner will be a success

Meanwhile there is a Remembrance Parade on Sunday, November 13 at the Memorial at Old Skelmersdale. "We would like to invite local cadets, scouts, brownies and children and their parents are welcome to parade with the association at the memorial," Alan added. "We want to honour the heroes of all conflicts old and new."

Health Club fundraiser tops £38,000 for 'Feel Better' scheme

MEMBERS of the Skelmersdale branch of the Bannatyne Health Club have played their part in raising more than £38,000 nationally during Look Good Feel Better's annual fundraising campaign, Feel Better Week.

It beats last year's final fundraising total of £32,000 and will be donated to Look Good Feel Better via The Bannatyne Charitable Trust.

In order to raise the money, each of Bannatyne's 66 health clubs devised their own fundraising activities, which included; a treadmill marathon challenge, fancy dress fun runs, sponsored chest waxing, cake sales, magic shows and an evening with a medium.

In recognition of ongoing fundraising achievements, which has so far raised a total of almost £90,000, the charity presented Bannatyne Group chief executive, Justine Musgrove, with its Feel Better Week 2016 Star Fundraiser Award.

Look Good Feel Better runs free confidence-boosting skincare and make-up workshops and masterclasses across the UK, helping women and teenagers combat the visible side effects of cancer treatment.

Justin Musgrove, chief executive of the Bannatyne Group, said: "It's an honour to have received the Star Fundraiser award on behalf of the Group. I am so proud of the members and staff at our health clubs and spas. Everyone really got into the fundraising spirit and embraced Feel Better Week to collectively raise a tremendous amount of money for Look Good Feel Better.

"Many people's lives are touched in some way by cancer, so it's important that we do all we can to support patients who are dealing with this brutal illness on a day-to-day basis. Look Good Feel Better delivers a vital service, which helps thousands of women battling cancer."

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Champion LETTERS to the Editor

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Student escort scheme is surely worth a try

IN response to the letter (October 12) by Edge Hill student Connor Cain.

Firstly, New Ormskirk Residents Group has always said that anti-social behaviour is sadly carried out by a very small minority of students, but as you rightly say "there are thousands of students" attending the university, so even a small minority amounts to a considerable number.

More importantly, you ask 'if any members of the public has any ideas of how to combat the problem of hooliganism, the University would not only appreciate feedback but would actively encourage you to tell them.'

Oh if only!

Last year the Residents Group asked the Vice Chancellor to pilot a scheme whereby campus staff could, on occasions, operate off campus to escort late night/early hours anti-social students back to the campus from nearby roads (not only for the benefit of local residents but also sometimes for the students' own safety) and to attend, if necessary, HMO properties where behaviour falls considerably short of what is reasonably expected.

Of course such 'wardens' would have no statutory powers but their presence would have a salutary effect and miscreants would be identified.

This proposal was rejected out of hand as apparently the university's insurers would not accept such a situation.

Yet many other UK universities, which proactively engage with residents, operate similar schemes with some success, and presumably with the blessing of their insurers (Loughborough, Birmingham, Newcastle, Warwick for example).

Surely it's worth a try?

Secretary,
New Ormskirk Residents Group (NORG)

Plea from Hamish

MY name is Hamish. I am a responsible wee Scotty dog who goes out twice a day with my mum or dad and they always clean up after me and place my waste in the bin.

Unfortunately, over recent months, I have noticed the bins not being emptied on a regular basis and they are always full of excrement and overflowing within a week.

This is because my neighbours and friends and many other people do the same as my mum and dad and clean up.

I often have a chat with my friends when out walking and they all agree the bins are not emptied the same as they used to be.

The council show concerns about fly-tipping but what could be more dangerous with all this excrement overflowing from the bins that can cause so many health issues if left unattended?

I am 13 years old now and drawing my pension (that is an extra treat a day) and when I came over from the Isle of Man as a pup I thought why are they taking me to Skelmersdale?

But I have enjoyed my life here, so please Mr Council don't make the town any worse than it is by not taking any interest and keeping it clean.

Scottish Terrier
Hamish

Generous grants resulted in wonderful trip out for pensioners

WEST Lancashire Pensioners Forum wishes to thank County Councillors, Terry Aldridge, John Fillis, Nikki Hennesy, Julie Gibson and David Westley who generously awarded us grants which helped fund a wonderful day trip for nearly fifty members on Tuesday, October 4.

We were transported by coach from Ormskirk to The Mill at Chester, where we embarked on a barge on which we were served a four course lunch, of individual choice, drinks optional, whilst sailing the Shropshire Union Canal.

A beautiful day, scrumptious food with fine weather and ending with a visit to Cheshire Oaks. It was a huge success, so thanks once again for your generosity.

We continue to grow as a forum and still meet every third Tuesday of the month, except September and December, in The Community Centre, St Helens Road, Ormskirk at 1.30pm, where issues are raised affecting the quality of life for the elderly, usually followed by a speaker and concluding with tea and biscuits.

We are a non-political and non-religious group and all elderly citizens are welcome.

Veronica Prescott
Secretary
On behalf of Committee and Members

PICTURE of the week

Richard Davies, software manager with Virtalis demonstrates the state of the art interactive 3D virtual reality 'Activewall' - a major feature in The Tech Hub which was officially opened last week at Edge Hill University. Picture by Martyn Snape.

Vociferous complaints about gas exploration 'unfounded'

THERE was a good turnout at the oil and gas regulators' drop-in meeting held recently in Aughton.

The Environment Agency, HSE and the Oil and Gas Authority were all present to explain their respective roles in regulating what could become an important future industry in West Lancashire.

I was very impressed by the professional approach taken by the representatives from all the regulatory bodies and I, and other local residents, were left in no doubt that the vociferous complaints of a small minority of protesters are largely unfounded.

Gas already plays a vital role in all our lives as a fuel and as a feedstock for industry.

The UK is dependent on fossil fuels for over 80% of its energy needs and will require sources of gas for decades to come.

Far better to produce it here in the UK, so that the jobs and economic rewards benefit UK citizens, than to rely on costly energy imports.

Aughton Resident
(Name, address supplied)

Being hungry 'worse than being without a house'

I am one of the people who have helped in the campaign to stop building on Parrs Lane but my reasons are certainly for nothing as trivial as 'a view.'

My husband and I called on many of the houses on Long Lane, none of which overlook the site or its immediate environs, so for them, too, the view was not a criteria, yet most householders agreed it was not a good idea.

My reasons for being against the building of anything on the fields along Parrs Lane is because they are fields!

The land in this area of West Lancashire is vital as a source of food and if built on will never be suitable for the production of food. In my opinion I think being hungry has to be worse than being without a house.

There are, of course, other reasons for not building in the area such as a dire lack of enough amenities or infrastructure, but to me food is more important than anything.

As to raising taxes to cover the costs of infrastructure, perhaps the multiple occupancy dwellings could pay or they could be converted back to affordable family dwellings. I have to live in this area which I do think is wonderful but the tone of some letters on this subject makes me think that some of the residents are not.

M.Paget,
Aughton

Please don't buy these monster rockets

As we approach another November 5, it is timely to ask anyone who is thinking about buying rockets, in particular those heavy ones with sticks 4ft long, please think again.

Last year one of these monsters penetrated a solid tile on my roof and ended up in my loft space, fortunately it did not start a fire. The higher they go the more velocity they have in descent. Think what damage could be done to a human skull or to solar panels, it missed my panels by a few feet.

Name, address supplied

Shopping centre should be for our convenience

DISABLED people cannot use both upper and ground floor of the Concourse because of lack of access.

If a disabled person wants to go to the toilet and they're downstairs and the downstairs toilets are not working, how would they get up?

When I asked, I was told to go to a shop and they will get someone to take me up in the service lift. Well, that's a nonsense because by this time I would probably have wet myself. It's an indignity to have to ask to go to the toilet.

My answer to this is to park downstairs, do my shopping downstairs and then drive up, but this should not be necessary and they wonder why people don't want to use the Concourse!

The other thing is people complain about disabled scooters being a nuisance but how are people who are disabled going to get out and about if they can't use their scooters, given that there is no way they can get up and down the stairs?

To me, the best solution would be to demolish the Concourse and rebuild all the shops. It's for the convenience of the people who run it, not for the convenience of the shopper.

I know the lift will be working in time for Christmas shopping and then it will probably be out of order again. They want our money but don't want to do anything at all to help us.

Cecilia Fairhurst, Skelmersdale

Council back motion to stop Sun paper sales

A BOROUGH council motion calling on shops in West Lancashire to stop selling The Sun newspaper over the paper's coverage of the Hillsborough disaster has been backed by councillors.

Digmoor ward Labour councillor, Kevin Wilkie, who was at Hillsborough, put the motion - condemning the paper for publishing "blatant lies" - on the agenda for the meeting of West Lancashire Borough Council on Wednesday, October 19.

The full motion read: "This motion calls on shops in West Lancashire to stop selling the S*n newspaper and condemns it for publishing "blatant lies".

"On April 15 1989 a disaster at Hillsborough Stadium in Sheffield led, ultimately, to the deaths of 96 innocent fans that had left home that morning to watch a football match.

Report by **Henry James**

"Due to crowd control mis-management those fans, whose ages ranged from 10 to 67 years old, had the life crushed out of them.

"Contrary to the facts, the S*n published a front page story with the banner headline 'The Truth' which contained blatant lies.

"Many Hillsborough families who were affected by that fateful day reside in West Lancashire.

"For this reason the council calls on all retailers and vendors of newspapers in West Lancashire to stop selling The S*n and applauds the group 'Total Eclipse of the S*n' for endeavouring to rid the North West of the newspaper."

A total of 30 councillors voted to support the motion, 12 were not in favour and eight did not vote.

The Total Eclipse of the Sun campaign *(right)*, set up by Hillsborough survivors, aims to clear the region's shelves of the newspaper.

...But Tory leader feels vote is a step closer to 'censorship'

CONSERVATIVE leader Councillor David Westley has told the Champion why he is apprehensive of the motion being passed, fearing that it is a step towards censorship of the press.

He said: "The Hillsborough Disaster is a hugely emotive issue for many in West Lancashire and I totally condemn the Sun for the pain and anguish caused by the blatant lies it published under the headline The Truth.

Influence

"I have never bought the Sun, cannot recall ever having read a copy and have no time for the paper.

"Neither do I take issue with the Campaign but I do have reservations about local councils becoming involved and seeking to influence which newspapers should be stocked in our newsagents. Such action is edging towards censorship.

"Free speech is a cornerstone of our democracy and this includes an individual's right to decide on which paper to buy."

Charity appeals for winter volunteers

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

AN OLDER people's charity is appealing for volunteers to help them to provide information and support to vulnerable adults throughout the cold winter months.

David Ward, promotions manager of Age UK Lancashire, is appealing for 'meet and greet' volunteers now as winter is a difficult time for many older people and the charity has increased enquiries during these months.

The 'meet and greet' volunteer role requires people to be based in the Age UK Lancashire office and being the first point of contact for someone coming in looking for information or support. Full training will be provided and time commitment is flexible.

David Ward said: "There is a real need for us to support older people throughout the year but we know from experience that winter can be particularly tough. The meet and greet volunteer role is vital so that anyone calling up or coming into our offices looking for support can receive it. Having more meet and greet volunteers enables us to be more accessible to the public, meaning we can help more people."

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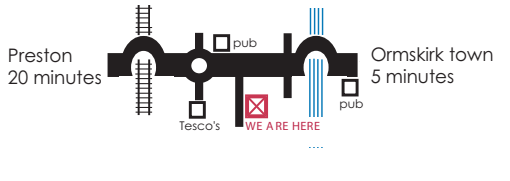

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MP Rosie lends her support to UK adoption charity

Rosie Cooper MP with a #SupportAdoption placard.

ROSIE COOPER MP has recently been busy supporting National Adoption Week and its campaign for people to #SupportAdoption.

The week, which started on October 17, is a national event, focusing on family finding for some of the most vulnerable children in the UK.

It is also a chance to demystify and clarify the adoption process, reflect the challenges of adoptive parenting, share individual stories and showcase best practice.

Nationwide supporters have been sharing their adoption stories and detailing how their lives have been affected on Facebook and Twitter.

Rosie Cooper MP for West Lancashire added: "National Adoption Week should remind all of us of the importance of finding families for some of our most vulnerable children in my constituency and across Lancashire.

"Local council social workers, voluntary adoption agencies and the statutory Adoption Register supporting them day in, day out, are doing everything possible to family find for vulnerable children.

"The Government has rightly made supporting adoption a priority. I am glad that all that can be done, is being done, to make sure local councils can place children with prospective adopters as quickly as practicable."

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Council will bring in £6million measures to combat housing gap

Report by **Henry James**

SPECIAL measures totaling £6m have been agreed by West Lancashire Borough Council to address a budget gap in its housing business plan.

The council was facing a reduction in revenue from what it had previously been expecting as a change in Government policy means rents are being reduced by 1% every year until 2020.

Previously the government's framework formula stated that rents would increase by inflation plus 1% per year.

To begin the process of tackling this problem the council took steps including making savings in its major housing refurbishment programme and actively managing staffing levels.

The authority was also allowed to raise the rents in sheltered housing by 0.9 per cent, but it still faced a total budget shortfall of £7.95m in its annual housing budgets over the next three years up to 2019/2020.

Over the summer of 2016, the council consulted tenants on a series of measures to bridge the gap. These were:

- Removal of the mains water replacement programme as there are no maintenance requirements at the current time.
- Removal of the specific programme in place to repair and replace fencing and paving and replacing it with cyclical repairs from the overall total revenue budget.
- Revising the Council's Housing Disabled Adaptations policy to make better use of housing stock and provide for the needs of disabled people
- Introduce a nominal charge for the gardening service of £5 per week for 26 weeks per year.

Results of the consultation were brought to the Council meeting on Wednesday, October 19 and the measures were approved by Councillors.

This package totals £2.325m savings in 2017/18, and a combined £6.155m for the years up to 2019/2020.

Strength

The measures bridge the gap in the council's finances and put the authority in a stronger position to tackle future challenges, such as the potential impact of the Government's sale of higher value property initiative.

Councillor Jenny Patterson, cabinet member for housing and landlord services, said: "We believe these measures will minimise the effect on council tenants having to tackle these financial issues. We are grateful to tenants who gave their views during the consultation and we took those views into account when making our decisions.

"This provides excellent value for money and these measures put us in a stronger position to cope with future challenges."

Councillor Jenny Patterson says the new measures will help tackle certain housing issues

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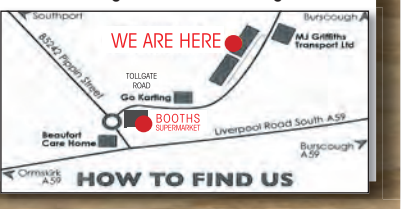

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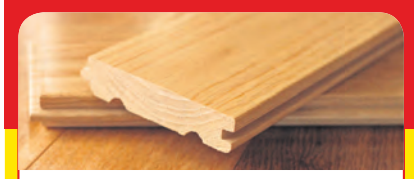

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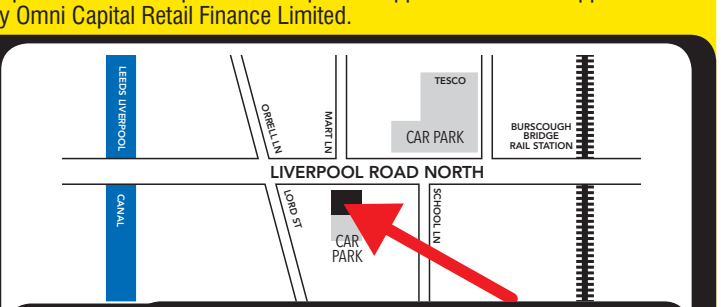

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If you're applying for a place for a child starting primary school, the closing date is January 15, 2017, but making sure your application is in early gives you extra time in case there are queries.

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People want to save the planet but are happy to fly away on their holidays

I WAS watching a TV debate the other night on the subject of whether Heathrow or Gatwick (or just possibly both) would get a third runway.

Apparently the option not to have one at all has been quietly consigned to the 'silly' bin.

Now I have an open mind on this subject. I suppose a lot of the much-needed extra airport capacity relates to folk travelling abroad for holidays – and since that does not apply to me I have to be careful as to what I say now.

But surely there is a whiff of hypocrisy here?

I, and I know many others, are very concerned about what the future holds for owners of older boats.

Boats like mine, which still uses its original BMC 2.2 litre diesel – you know, the old lump that powered the famous FX2 taxi (and I think the FX1 before that).

I have no doubt that by modern standards it is a 'dirty' old thing, but it does its job and I would be hard pressed to afford a new engine.

Yet EU emission requirements might well make this is grim reality in the relatively near future, despite the fact that it is only used for a few weeks a year and then only for relatively short periods.

And no doubt many people would still applaud yet stricter regulations – my contribution to saving the planet. A small price to pay etc etc.

Yet in this third runway debate the word 'pollution' was barely mentioned – yet jet aircraft are as big a polluter as you can get. Yes, yes I know they are less polluting than they used to be, but surely to put a third runway's worth of extra planes in the sky must make a rather large hole in the ozone layer?

What really got my goat in this debate however, was that once the 'P' word was mentioned, an MP on the panel of 'experts' came up with the weasel words that expansion should only take place "...if the appropriate safeguards are in place."

What safeguards? Either aircraft pollute or they do not.

And since they do, any 'safeguards' could only possibly mitigate the damage being done, not prevent it.

But as I said at the beginning, I am not trying to ban holiday flights.

All I am asking is that when it comes to green credentials, those handing them out in the form of useless windfarms or draconian blanket anti-pollution laws, should look in their own back yards as well.

I could become at least a sort-of 'Save the Planet-ist' – but only when the movement realises that the world we are trying to save is indeed the real world. And those of us living in the real world want to be able to go on holiday, be it to Bognor, the Broads, or indeed abroad.

Oh, and the argument about Heathrow v Gatwick also threw up the small point that if Heathrow is indeed the victor (as seems likely), then the third runway will require the destruction of an entire village, not to mention trees and countryside generally. Conservation?

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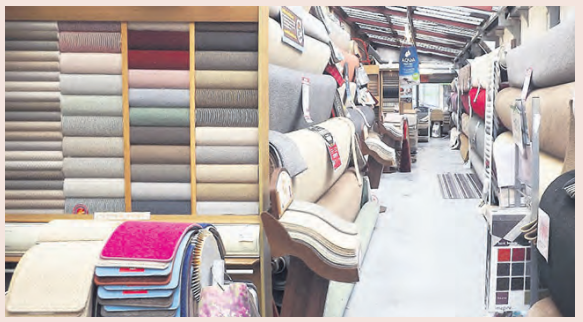

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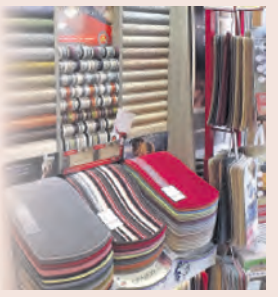

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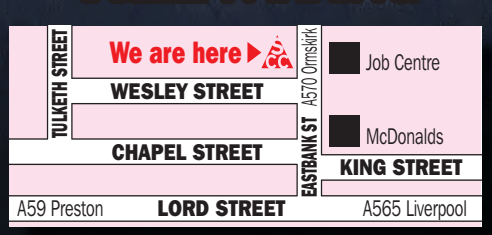

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Environment Agency test new emergency flooding drones

TEAMS from the Environment Agency have been testing out new flood tackling equipment in an effort to prepare for potential flash floods in Lancashire this winter.

Environment Agency teams in Lancashire and Cumbria and are training with new pumps, vehicles and drones as part of Exercise Certus - a scheme involving around 1000 staff which was designed to test that the Environment Agency is ready to respond more rapidly and flexibly to future flooding following the government's National Flood Resilience Review.

The Agency has awarded a year-long contract to the Stobart Group to store, track, and transport its mobile equipment and provide round-the-clock logistics support service throughout the year assisting the Environment Agency before, during, and after flooding.

The Environment Agency has said that the communities affected by flooding last winter – which included West Lancs, which suffered widespread flooding following Boxing Day 2015 – now have the same level of flood protection they had before winter 2015/16.

The Environment Agency is testing out specialist drones

This is a result of a £65m programme across the north of England, involving 20,000 inspections and around 650 repair projects, to restore or upgrade flood defences.

Sir James Bevan, chief executive of the Environment Agency, said: "I've seen for myself the devastating impact that flooding has on lives and livelihoods. Our staff have already put a huge amount of work into helping communities recover from last winter's floods and reducing flood risk to thousands of homes.

"Now we are rising to the challenge of responding to flooding as extreme weather becomes more common - our teams have been training with new kit, including pumps, and vehicles so that we can respond quicker."

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Change is in the air at autumn-themed college open night

KGV bosses have hailed a recent autumn-themed open evening at the college 'a resounding success.'

The event, held earlier this month, was the first since the Scarisbrick New Road college began a public consultation into proposals for a merger with Southport College.

Anne-Marie Francis, acting principal at KGV, said, "The open evening was a great success, the whole college buzzed with excitement. Our current students were a credit to the organisation and I was delighted with the turnout and positive feedback we received.

"Many of the visitors I met commented on the atmosphere of warmth and friendliness, the enthusiasm and knowledge of the teachers, and the confidence they have in the college following our results success this summer.

"The event had an autumnal theme and the college was adorned with pumpkins and pinecones, with visitors receiving free roasted hazelnut lattes, cinnamon spiced donuts and toffee apples.

"The theme of the changing season also highlighted the positive changes that have been made at the college over the past two years. These changes include a new board of Governors, new advanced level courses and most recently a new partnership with Southport College.

KGV bosses said their recent open evening was a success

"The proposal for a partnership between the towns two leading colleges will ensure that an attractive and competitive post 16 curriculum offer is available to all students living in Southport and the surrounding area."

John Clarke, Principal of Southport College, said, "Between the two sites we have a substantial curriculum offering and our vision is to be recognised locally as the first choice for higher level academic and vocational courses.

"This year's advanced level results place KGV College and Southport College amongst the top performing colleges in the country.

"We believe that with the quality of education and support we offer there should be no reason for students to look outside of the Southport area when considering their post 16 options."

The Principals of both Southport and King George V College presented their shared vision at the Open Evening to a packed theatre of 150 people.

A consultation document outlining the shared vision for the union of the two Colleges and details of the merger process is available to the public and can be accessed online at www.kgv.ac.ukorwww.southport.ac.uk

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Be seen, be safe warning to children as long, dark winter nights draw in

PARENTS of children living in West Lancs have been offered advice on how to keep their little ones safe on the streets as the clocks go back and the long dark nights draw in.

Carolyn Budding, the director of school uniform and hi-vis safety wear supplier Your School Uniform has shared her top five tips to help keep youngsters safe and seen in the winter months.

She says that the risks are at their greatest as children make their way to and from school as well as after-school clubs or when they're simply playing out in the twilight hours.

Her tips are:

1. Be bright and be seen - in the daytime choose outer clothing in colourful, or ideally, fluorescent materials to give optimum brightness especially in low natural light.

2. When darkness falls you need retro-reflective materials such as the shiny trim on hi-vis jackets. These are most effective under dark or low-light level conditions as cars can see you easily in their headlights.

Children are more visible to other road users when wearing fluorescent clothing

3. For younger children, invest in a hi-vis tabard which can easily stow away in a bag at school, or armbands which can also be worn over coats and other clothing.

4. For older children, items such as hi-vis book bags, musical instrument cases or rucksacks with retro-reflective trims are ideal when it's going dark. A great way to customise a backpack is to add cool reflective zip clips and stickers.

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A KIND-HEARTED teenager from Ormskirk has donated almost 12 inches of her hair to a charity which creates wigs for children.

Molly Costello after her charity hair cut

Molly Costello, 15, donated 30cm of her hair to the Little Princess Trust at the Nu Look Hair Salon on Derby Street in Ormskirk on Saturday, October 22.

And if that wasn't enough, she also raised £200 in sponsorship for the Trust, which will pay for the wig to be created!

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The Little Princess Trust provides real hair wigs to boys and girls across the UK and Ireland that have lost their own hair through cancer treatment.

Her proud mum Gill told The Champion that Molly was fantastic throughout.

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Vintage car lovers enjoy trip to Ship

Some of the members of the West Lancs MG Owners Club on their day out in Haskayne

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

MEMBERS of a classic car club recently enjoyed a trip out to the Ship Inn in Haskayne.

Twenty-eight vintage motor enthusiasts from the West Lancs MG Owners' Club hailed the impromptu day out as a resounding success - and even put on a show for pub regulars!

The car club displayed a number of their beloved vehicles in the pub's car park on Rosemary Lane – including two MGB-GTs, one MGTF, three MGFs, one RV8, a MG-ZT and an original MG-TF from 1953.

Club official, Steve Kirton said: "As the summer light fades and the leaves on the trees begin to fall - and the colours of autumn started to appear - we enjoyed a bit of a day out to the Ship Inn.

"What a day it turned out to be! With the sunshine beating down and wall-to-wall blue sky with hardly a cloud in the sky, it was forecast to be 14 degrees but in the bright sunshine it felt much warmer than that!"

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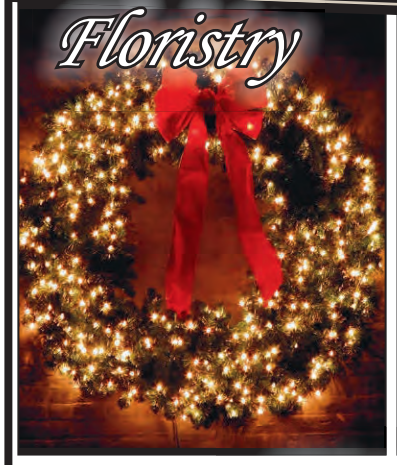

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Numbers of Whooper Swans are expected to increase up to 2,000 over the coming months as the swans migrate from Iceland to their temporary home at Martin Mere to escape The Arctic winter, creating an amazing wildlife spectacle.

The crossing from Iceland to UK is probably the longest seas crossing undertaken by any swan species. Amazingly in 2009 two swans carrying GPS satellite transmitters completed the journey in just 8 hours at speeds of 55 – 62mph. Swans are powerful fliers and they lose an estimated 25% of their body mass whilst undertaking the migration; many of the juvenile swans may only be 3 and 4 months of age when they make this incredible journey.

Reserve manager, Tom Clare, said: "If you'd like to meet some of these Whooper swans, WWT Martin Mere holds a swan feed every day at 3pm in the new Discovery Hide where visitors can watch the fantastic view and hear the sound of the swans feeding right in front of them. They are also fed outside the Raines Observatory at 3.30pm where visitors can comfortably sit and watch in the heated hide. Both feeds include a wardens talk and the opportunity to ask questions." The swan feeds have recently been shortlisted in the Lancashire Tourism Awards in the Best Visitor Experience category.

In other news at the centre, there are still up to 27,000 Pink-footed geese using the reserve and this has now been joined by a few thousand starlings that are displaying over the reedbed everyday from 5pm. The starlings can be viewed from the Harrier hide.

WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre is a haven for a host of creatures such as otters, kingfishers, geese and swans. Watch birds from the shelter of our comfortable hides, enjoy an expert walk or talk, or simply watch the world go by in our cafe overlooking our waterfowl collection – there's plenty to do at a Wetland Centre all year round.

WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre is open every day (except Christmas Day) from 9.30am to 4.30pm during winter months and parking is free of charge. Situated off the A59, it is signposted from the M61, M58 and M6. The Centre is also accessible via the Southport to Manchester and the Liverpool to Preston line by train from Burscough Rail Stations. Visit the web site http://www.wwt.org.uk/martinmere/ to find out what's on all year round at Martin Mere and the other eight WWT Wetland Centres.

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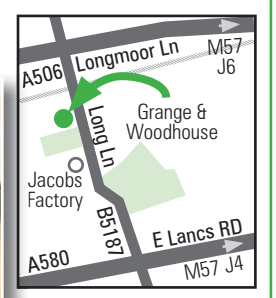

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Japanese concert pianist Noriko Ogawa with pupils from nearby Parbold schools at last week's event at The Village Hall.

International pianist performs for pupils

Concert pianist Noriko Ogawa at Parbold Village Hall

INTERNATIONAL pianist Noriko Ogawa performed one of Douglas Music's Pied Piper concerts for local schoolchildren at the village hall in Parbold.

For the last decade, Douglas Music has presented at least one concert each season for 200 plus local primary school children to give them the experience of going to a special place to listen to and watch the creation of live music played by international artists and professional musicians.

The pupils, who were aged between seven to 10, were from schools in Parbold, Newburgh, Dalton and Skelmersdale.

Noriko, who was performing at the venue the following evening, played a range of classical music pieces.

Dr. Michael Bonsall, from Douglas Music, Parbold said: "The event was a great success. Noriko invited the children to look into the Steinway piano as she played. The youngsters enjoyed it very much. They all listened and she kept their attention."

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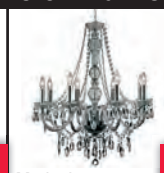

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County's mental health services commended at awards ceremony

MENTAL health services in Lancashire have been commended at a prestigious national awards ceremony held to celebrate positive work in mental health across the country.

The Older Adult Mental Health Service and a member of staff from the same service at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust bagged two awards at the annual Positive Practice in Mental Health Awards 2016.

The event, held on Thursday, October 13, is a national event organised by the Positive Practice in Mental Health Collaborative. This year's event, held at the H.J. Wells Conference and Events Centre in Woking, consisted of 16 categories that were open to teams, services and individuals who work in mental health.

Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust won in two categories and was highly commended in a third.

Dr Amanda Thornton, clinical director for the Services and NHS England Dementia Clinical lead, nominated the entire service for the Mental Health 5 Year Forward View Integration Category. She said: "The Positive Practice in Mental Health Awards is a prestigious forum in which positive work in mental health across the country is celebrated.

"It's absolutely fantastic that the Trust won in two of the sixteen categories and was highly commended in a third in these national awards, something that underscores the brilliant work that we do in mental health and learning disability services.

"The fact that the Older Adult Mental Health Service and one of our mental health nurses went on to pick up the award highlights the innovative, compassionate and person-centred care that we provide as a Trust."

Staff from Lancashire Care at the Positive Practice Awards

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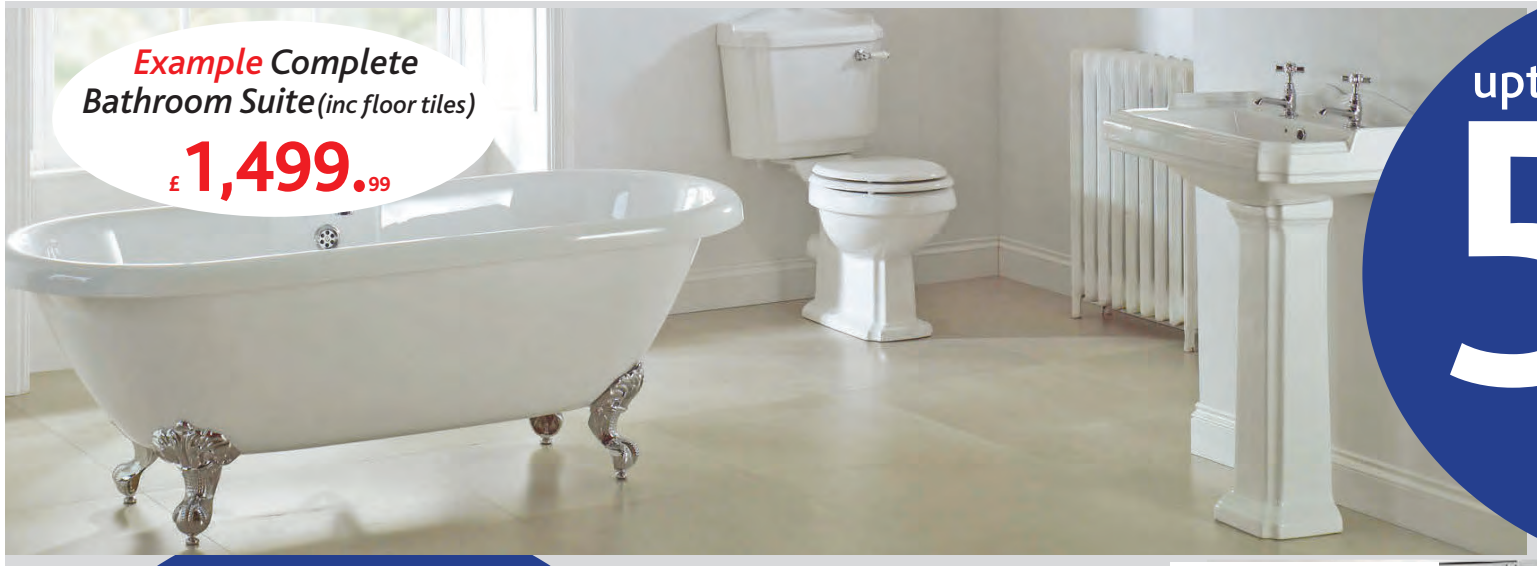

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Patients urged to tackle medicine wastage problems

Being a hoarder is 'out of order' say health chiefs as they aim to cut out wasted prescription drugs...

PATIENTS are being encouraged to order their own repeat prescriptions in a move which is aimed at stopping medicine wastage.

NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) launched their 'Being a Hoarder is Out of Order' campaign at the start of this month, with the aim of tackling the growing issue of medicines waste, which costs the local NHS in West Lancashire £600,000 per year.

To tackle this issue, from the start of November, GP practices in West Lancashire will now only accept repeat prescriptions from patients and carers (apart from in exceptional circumstances by arrangement).

There are currently a number of ways with which patients and carers can order a repeat prescription. These include, handing in the white tear off part of a prescription, a request slip which is located in the reception area at GP practices, via fax (although this can vary depending on practice) and now, the local NHS is encouraging all residents to use the new Patient Access website and smartphone app.

Doctors hope to cut the amount of wasted meds in West Lancs

Patient Access is a free online resource available for all residents, it allows you to not only easily order repeat prescriptions from the convenience of a smartphone, tablet or laptop, but also offers a GP appointment booking service and update personal records.

Any residents wanting to use Patient Access, are encouraged to visit their local surgery in the first instance, who will then give residents a unique code, which once activated allows full use of the Patient Access services.

Dr Peter Gregory, a GP at Parkgate Surgery in Ormskirk and GP executive lead at NHS West Lancashire CCG, said: "There is a very real danger that under the current system, medicines are being ordered for patients who no longer require them. This not only wastes valuable NHS funds, which could be diverted into other services, but also poses a genuine health risk to our patients, if they are taking medicine they no longer need."

Crossens Pharmacy in Rufford Road, soon to include a Post Office.

Crossens Post Office to move

CROSSENS is set to get a brand new Post Office.

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Report by **Danielle Thompson**

The pumpkins from the carving sessions will be dotted around Coronation Park, Ormskirk, on Halloween night and the best three will be given a prize that night.

Councillor Yvonne Gagen, portfolio holder for Leisure, said: "Halloween will definitely be a scream at Coronation Park, Ormskirk, so don't miss this fantastic evening of fun and games for all the family."

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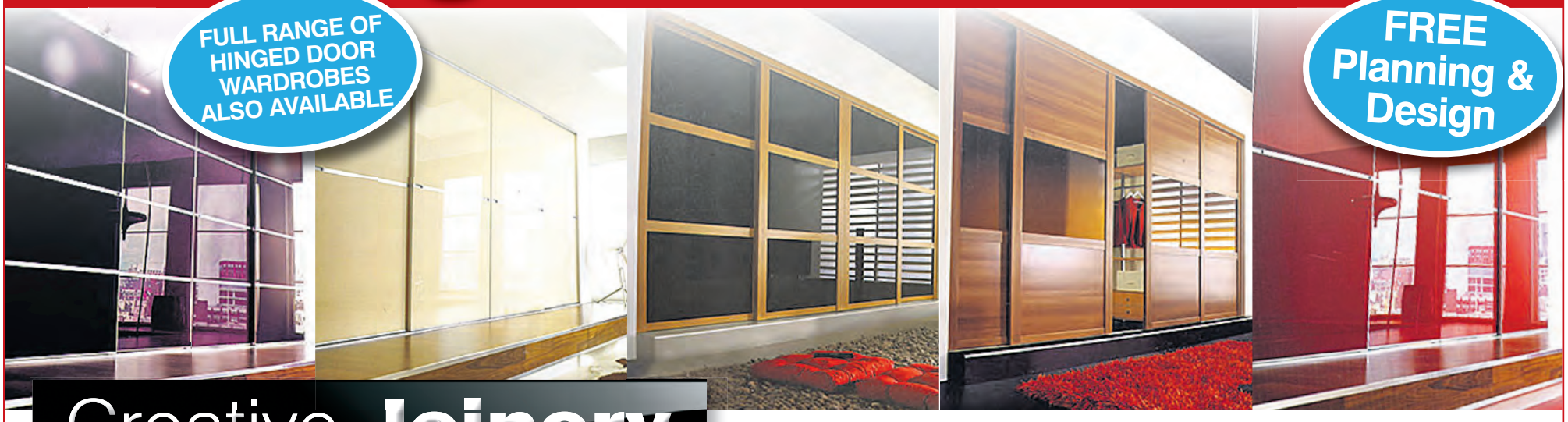

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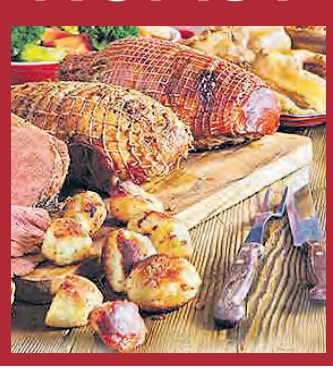

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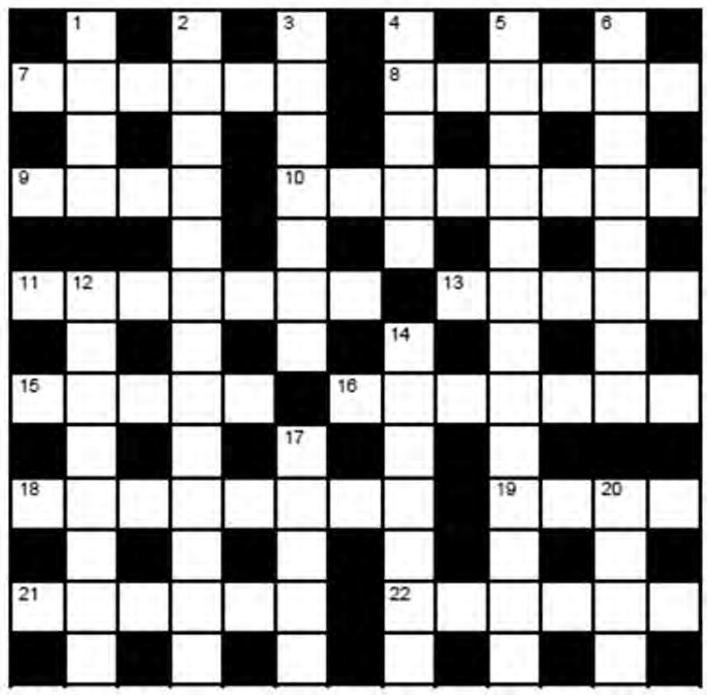

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Across: 7 Affirm. 8 Usurer. 9 Loot. 10 Notebook. 11 Utilise. 13 Heady. 15 Navvy. 17 Hulking. 20 Overrule. 21 Joey. 22 Urgent. 23 Nuzzle.

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ACROSS

7 Recollection (6)
8 Relating to horses (6)
9 Any of several large food and game fishes found in temperate and tropical seas (4)
10 Motionless (8)
11 Archaeological era preceded by the Bronze Age (4,3)
13 Journalists collectively (5)
15 Foe, adversary (5)
16 Hobby (7)
18 Extension of services or assistance beyond usual limits (8)
19 Tiny amount, a speck (4)
21 Create a work of art by carving or shaping (6)
22 Religious festival, particularly in Spanish-speaking countries (6)

DOWN

1 Old fashioned term for a boyfriend or male admirer (4)
2 VII or XXV for example (5,8)
3 Instrument used to inject or withdraw fluids from the body (7)
4 Sordid and disreputable (5)
5 Given automatic approval (13)
6 Common national personification of USA government (5,3)
12 Formally give up a claim or bad habit (8)
14 Leave (or write something) in a hurry (4,3)
17 Fry quickly using a small amount of fat (5)
20 Female ballet dancer's costume (4)

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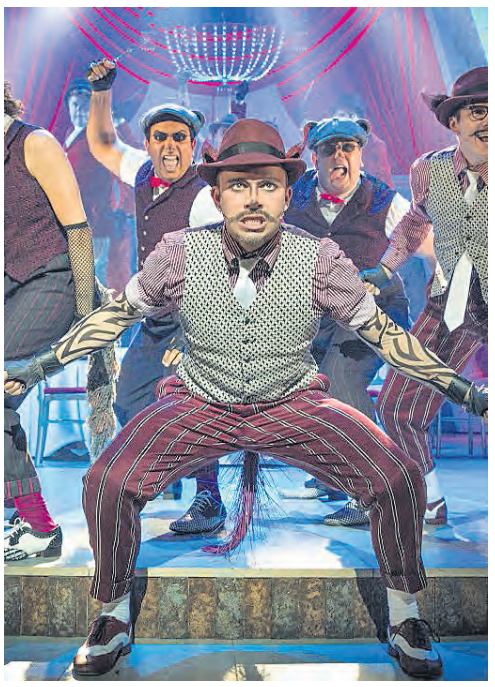
Neil weasels himself a part in Willows musical



Neil McDermott and the company of the Wind in The Willows. Photo by Marc Brenner.

The Champion's *Henry James* chats to ex Eastenders actor *Neil McDermott* ahead of his latest stage role at the Lowry Theatre...

AS A youngster growing up in Formby, EastEnders star Neil McDermott had always wanted to play for Everton, but his career aspirations changed and he has made a name for himself in acting.

Neil has now landed himself a role in a new musical version of Wind in The Willows, which has been adapted for the stage by the creator of Downton Abbey, Julian Fellowes. Fellowes has teamed up again with the British pairing of composer George Stiles and lyricist Anthony Drewe who he worked with on the stage adaptation of Mary Poppins.

Neil plays the role of chief weasel in the show which will open at Salford's Lowry theatre tomorrow (Thursday, October 27) until Sunday, November 6. It is hoped the production will transfer to London's West End at a later date.

Speaking to the Champion, Neil said: "I used to play football every weekend at Duke Street Park in Formby and as a kid I was a big supporter of Everton. I was hoping to do the Schools of Excellence programme with Everton but we moved down south. I played for Chelsea's youth team for a while, but gave it all up to be an actor."

The 35-year-old, who was born in Southport and went to Woodlands primary school in Formby, was the bad guy Ryan Malloy in EastEnders and is again playing the villain in Wind in The Willows: "The chief weasel is the baddy of the piece.

"In this version he is a cross between a supporter of the Sex Pistols and a bit of a city spiff.

"He has some great rock numbers and punk numbers.

"Villains are quite fun roles to play because you can be a bit naughty with the role. You can also add a bit of danger and excitement to it. I don't think the role should be too scary though and it is good to add a comic edge as well. Sometimes I find that more exciting than playing a romantic lead, which I did when I was younger."

The production stars Rufus Hound as the anarchic Toad, David Birrell as Badger, Irish actor and singer Fra Fee as Mole, Downton Abbey's Thomas Howes as Ratty, and Sophia Nomvete as Mrs Otter.

Neil commented: "The new musical version sticks very true to the story of the book, and it adds much colour and music and dance. The production has quite an extravagant set. It is a family show and something that mums and dads can bring their kids to and everyone should be able to get a lot of fun out of the musical.

"The book has lasted and it was written beautifully by Kenneth Graham."

Neil moved to Kingston Upon Thames at eight years old due to his dad's work. He added: "I used to come back to this area with my mum and dad to see family friends, but recently I haven't been back.

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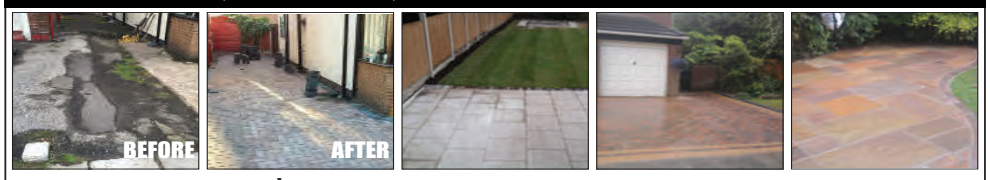

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108 year old firm saved in takeover

Sharon Burns, Karen O'Brien, Elizabeth Porter, Tony Brown and David Mellalieu

A SOUTHPORT firm which has existed for 108 years has been saved from the axe – thanks to a Lancashire storage company.

Railex Filing and Railex Storage, in Marine Drive, which manufacture and supply office filing and record management products, has been acquired by Chorley-based Brysdales after closing its doors earlier this summer.

All 25 members of staff, many of whom have worked for the company for more than two decades, have now returned to work.

The staff thought their jobs had been lost for good until Brysdales stepped in to save the day.

The acquisition gives Brysdales a strong foothold in the office based market and complements its core business of delivering storage solutions for a wide range of environments.

Elizabeth Porter, managing director of Brysdales, which has been supplying storage solutions to companies across the UK for more than 40 years, said an exciting future lies ahead.

She said: "We are delighted to have acquired Railex Filing and Railex Storage, which are extremely well known brands with an incredible team, heritage and reputation.

"It was very humbling when every single member of staff returned to work for Railex, and they have my word that we will succeed.

"The company is extremely well known in Southport and clearly has a loyal and dedicated work force.

"Railex is a great brand that is extremely well known both here in the UK and with customers across the world in Europe, America, and South Africa.

"By merging the expertise of both companies, we can grow market share and look forward to creating exciting new opportunities in the future."

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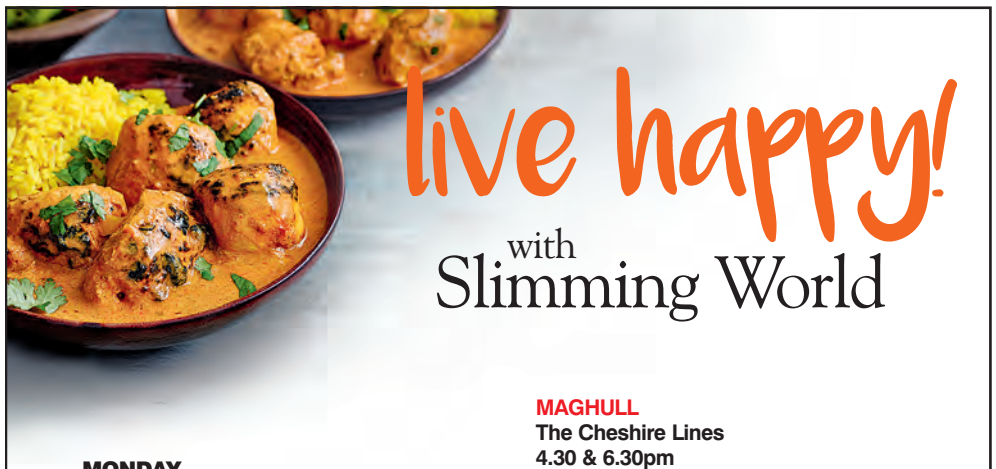
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The Overtones will perform at the lights switch on

The Overtones to headline big festive switch-on event!

FIVE-PIECE vocal harmony group, The Overtones, will headline this year's Southport Christmas Lights Switch On festival.

Bosses behind the resort's festive lights event, say they hope the announcement will herald the start of a spectacular festive period for the town.

A spokesperson for the Southport BID, who organise the event, said: "We are thrilled to announce that The Overtones will be this year's sensational headliners!

They will be performing songs from their 2015 album 'A Good Ol' Fashioned Christmas' and it will be a fantastic, festive show for all the family.

"Joining The Overtones will be the brilliant upcoming boy band 'Yes Lad'

"Managed by Nigel Martin-Smith, the man behind Take That, Yes Lad made it through to the judge's houses on this year's X-Factor.

"Legendary singer Gwen Dickie – who most famously sang 'At the Car Wash' and 'Wishing on a Star' with Rose Royce will add soul to the mix.

"The entertainment will go on throughout the afternoon, with a raft of live music and family entertainment all hosted by Smooth Radio and their top presenters Carlos, Darren and Jo.

"The Creation Station will provide craft activities in Town Hall Gardens and The Atkinson and Santa and his reindeer have even promised to pay a visit to make it a perfect, festive, family day out."

The Christmas light switch on was brought back by Southport BID three years ago. BID Manager Andrew Sloman is excited for this year's event. He said: "Last year's concert was fantastic, there was a huge crowd, enjoying a fantastic show and there was a real festive atmosphere.

"Smooth Radio delivered an amazing show for us last year, so we are thrilled to be working with them again.

"This year the BID has invested in even more Christmas lights, ensuring the town has a real wow factor this Christmas!

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Pizza chefs turn up the heat this Halloween!

The pizza will feature fiery Naga chillies

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

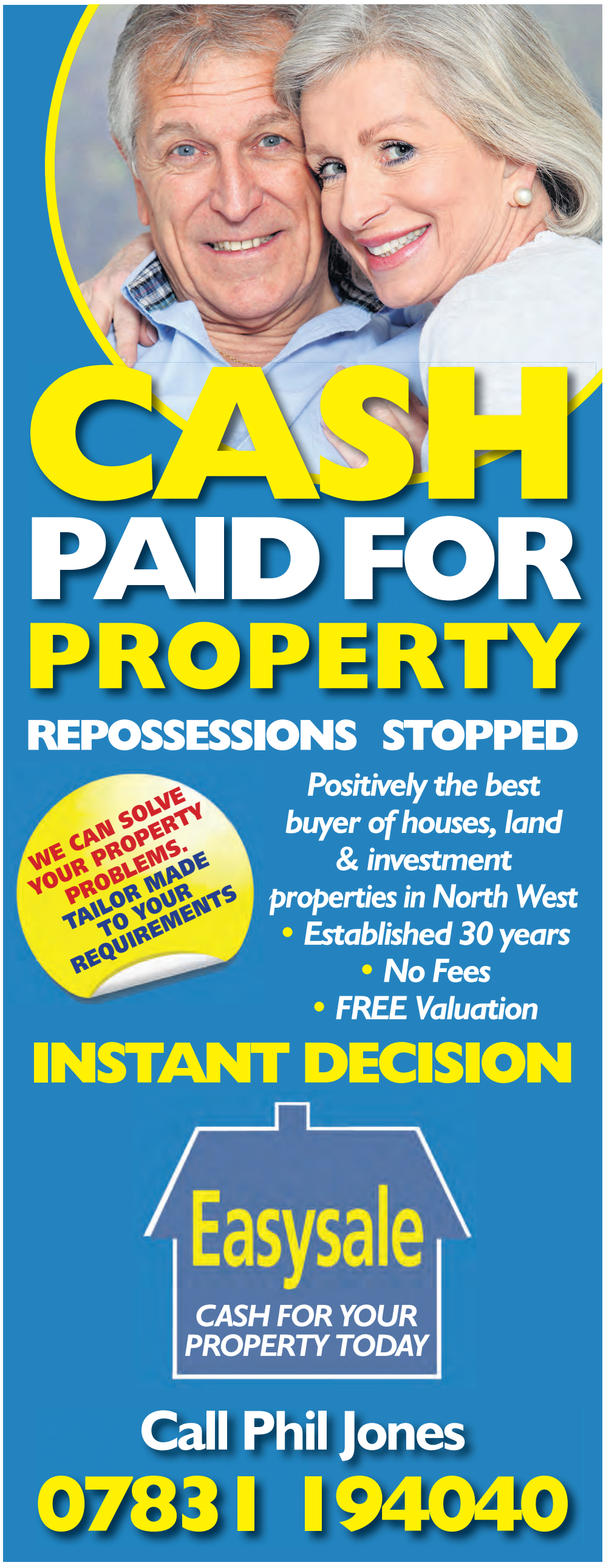
COOKING staff at Morrisons in Ormskirk are set to turn up the heat this Halloween – by making a 'Hotter than Hell' pizza featuring one of the world's hottest chillies!

Pizza counter workers at the Park Road store will be making the pizza, featuring British grown Naga chillies on Friday, October 28 – and to shield themselves from the fiery chillies, they will make it wearing protective gear including safety goggles, latex gloves and aprons - and use dedicated chopping equipment.

The Naga chilli is 200 times spicier than Tabasco sauce or Jalapeños, and up to seven times fierier than a Vindaloo! Some Naga chilli varieties are hotter than pepper spray and others have been used to develop tear-gas hand grenades.

The pizza, which is also topped with steak, chicken, Jalapenos, pepperoni and chilli cheese, is aimed at spice fans who get a kick out of the heat. Those who take on the challenge can first expect the tongue to go numb and talking will become difficult. Then a burning sensation will start in the mouth and continue down the throat, whilst eyes and nose will start to run. Most people will become hot and sweaty. The sensation will last for 15 minutes - after which some people may feel euphoric as hot chillies are known to generate an endorphin rush.

Store manager Hannah Evans said: "A few of our customers who are chilli fans have been telling us that they don't get the extreme heat they're after when eating regular pizzas, so we thought we'd make something for Halloween with more of a kick! We've worked with our British chilli grower to grow these extreme heat chillies - and our pizza counter staff are now on standby in their protective gear to make the pizzas up."



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Twopence winners announced

The winners of our Twopence-competition for tickets to Southport Theatre were: Gloria Jackson from Southport, Linda Farrington from Southport, and Susan Anderson from Maghull.

Ladies in Lavender was well cast, set and acted

Review by **Jenny Robson**

Ladies in Lavender
Southport Dramatic Club
Little Theatre, Southport
October 21 to 29

A STUNNING set (beach, garden, living room and bedroom) reveals a quaint Cornish seaside cottage during the 1930s.

Robin Hirsch's astute direction enables each cast member to interact beautifully and emotionally as the scenes unfold.

Celia Timmington is superb as Ursula – one of two sisters of a certain age – who has never married.

Her ability to transfer just the right amount of naivety and pathos combined with girly giggles is complemented perfectly by Ann Richards as her sister, Janet, who carries off the superiority of Ursula's older sibling so well that one can imagine how they behaved as children.

When the only daily decision they make is whether or not to have a biscuit with their evening cocoa their lives are thrown into turmoil after Ursula spots a mysterious stranger washed up on the beach. Closer inspection reveals the 'body' to be very much alive so they nurse him back to health in their spare bedroom. Here we witness some joyful sibling banter as to who has a larger claim on him. Janet is the elder but as Ursula points out, "I saw him first!

Richard Michell plays the half-drowned stranger, Andrea; he is excellent in the part of the handsome violinist who has fallen overboard during a storm. His accents are spot on and one can be forgiven for assuming he really is Polish.

Brendan Gillow and Cate Leight both give impressive performances as vulnerable Dr Mead (looking every inch the country doctor) and mysterious and alluring Olga (excellent accents also!) respectively. He is drawn to the beautiful brunette when he sees her sketching on the beach but she seems only to be interested in Andrea.

Trudi Hirsch is pure joy as Dorcas - the downtrodden 'woman who does' – who never fails to offer a funny line to any situation.

Score: 9/10 – fine casting! The poignant ending is given an extra emphasis by clever lighting.

A scene from Ladies in Lavender. Pic by Fletcherhill photography

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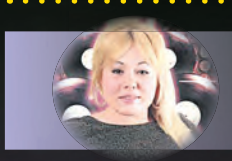

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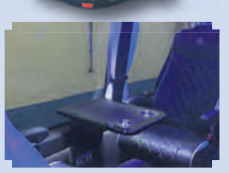

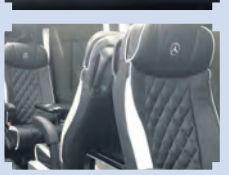

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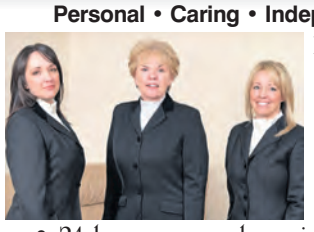
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DEATHS

JACKSON BERYL

19th October 2016
Aged 81 years

Loving Wife of the late Derek, much loved Mum of Craig and Guy, sweetie pie to Harry, beloved Sister of Addy. Beryl will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Friday 28th October at 11:20am. Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for Macmillan Cancer Support. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Tel: 01704 500086.

WELDING DAVID WILLIAM

Passed away peacefully on 20th October 2016, aged 75 years of Ormskirk

Dearly loved Husband of Jean, much loved Dad of David and John, dear Father-in-law of Laura, devoted Grandad of Jack, Freddie and Rosie, and dear Brother of Joe. "A lovely character who will be missed by all." Funeral service at West Lancs Crematorium Burscough on Thursday 27th October at 12.15pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if so desired for Cancer Research UK and Water Aid. Donations and further enquiries please to Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton. Tel 01695 424888.

KELLS CHARLES ALEXANDER (ERIC)

Aged 83
Passed away peacefully on Sunday 23rd October

The former West Lancs District Councillor and one time Chairman of the Council, is survived by his devoted and loving Wife Rhona and their three Children Gordon, Janine and Rowena. Father-in-law to Rita and Nigel and Grandfather to Lisa, David and Simon, he will be sorely missed by all his family and friends. A service will be held at Emmanuel Church, Ormskirk at 12.30pm on Friday 4th November followed by cremation at West Lancs Crematorium at 13.45pm. Family flowers only please, but if anyone would like to donate to the Alzheimer's Society your gifts would be greatly appreciated. Donations and further enquiries please to Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton. Telephone: 01695 424888

DEATHS

SHERIDAN BARRIE JACOB

Aged 44 years
Gone but never forgotten.
Taken much too soon.

Beloved Son of the late Ann and Michael. Treasured and loving Brother to Nicholas, Ryan, Danny and Jason. Cherished amazing Uncle Bear to Kai and Leah. Will be loved and sadly missed, always in our hearts forever. Family flowers only but in memory of his late Mother Ann Please make donations to Cancer Research UK, which will be gratefully received. All enquiries to Hunters Funeral Directors. Tel 01695 572997.

BARKER MARIE (NEE BEDFORD)

On 19th October 2016
Suddenly in hospital
Aged 73 years

Surrounded by all her loving family. Loving Mum of Marie, Sylvia and Sam, dear Mother in law of Alan, Mark and Debbie, cherished Nan and Great Nan of all her Grandchildren. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service and interment will take place at St Richards Church on Monday 31st October at 12.30pm. All enquiries to Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane. Tel 01695 559868

IN MEMORIAM

PREECE LES

26th October 2015

A million times I've needed you, a million times I've cried. If love alone could have saved you, you never would have died. In life I loved you dearly, in death I love you still. In my heart you hold a place no one else can fill. It broke my heart to lose you, but you didn't go alone. Part of me went with you, the day God took you home. From your loving wife Audrey & daughter Jean and family. xxx

IN MEMORIAM

BARBARA COONEY

Passed away 22/10/2013

Wonderful memories of one so dear,
Treasured still with a love sincere;
In our hearts she is living yet,
We loved her too dearly to forget.
Loving Husband Danny,
Mark, Barry, Gail,
Rhiannon & Shea
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KELSEY TAYLOR

28th October 2009

When we are in need of comfort we walk down Memory Lane. There we see you smiling, we talk with you again, and as we wander slowly back we seem to hear you say "Don't cry, my family, we'll meet again some day". Love and miss you forever and always, your loving family
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The family of Mary would like to thank everyone for attending the funeral service on 17th October and for their kind donations for the Alzheimers Society.

Thank you also to Rev Sarah O'Donoghue for a lovely service and to Lisa Hunter and her team at MLS Funeral Directors for their support.

Finally, special thanks to the dedicated staff at Abbey Wood Lodge in Ormskirk for their compassionate care and for providing refreshments after the funeral.

PRAYERS

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Never known to fail.

O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, faithful Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity, O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother, O Holy Mary Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity.

(Make Request).

There are none that can withstand your powers. Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 Times).

Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3 times).

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PUBLIC NOTICES

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(SCARTH HILL LANE, WESTHEAD, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Scarth Hill Road, Westhead, from its junction with Ruff Lane, to a point outside the property known as "The Woodlands", in the Borough of West Lancashire.

2. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Monday 31st October 2016 until 1800 hours on Friday 2nd December 2016, or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Ruff Lane - A570 Knowsley Road - A570 St Helens Road - Scarth Hill Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow essential water main works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/16/08/5365/ARH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(BUTCHERS LANE, AUGHTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) (No.5) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle, to proceed over that length of Butchers Lane, Aughton for a distance of 20 metres either side of the Butchers Lane Railway Bridge in the borough of West Lancashire.

2. The prohibition will be operative nightly between 2100 hours and 0600 hours on Monday 31st October 2016 to Thursday 3rd November 2016, or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: Butchers Lane - Springfield Road - A59 Northway - Eastway - Deyes Lane - School Lane - Maghull Lane - A506 Prescot Road - B5197 Prescot Road - Butchers Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to enable essential structural repairs to the railway bridge to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/16/08/5172/ARH]

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Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2016/0974/OUT Outline - Mixed-use development comprising 10 No. semi-detached, affordable houses and premises for a horticultural supplies business including the erection of a warehouse and the conversion of an existing building for offices and the laying out of external storage, parking and vehicular circulation areas, including details of access, appearance, layout and scale at Land To The East Of, Boundary Lane, Hesketh Bank.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2016/1004/COU Converting redundant office space to 4 bed student HMO at 60A Church Street, Ormskirk.
Application No: 2016/1052/FUL Change of use of the existing vacant building known as 5a The Elms to form student accommodation at West Lancs Day Services, 5A Derby Street, Ormskirk.
Application No: 2016/1053/LBC Listed Building Consent - Change of use of the existing vacant building known as 5a The Elms to form student accommodation at West Lancs Day Services, 5A Derby Street, Ormskirk.
Application No: 2016/1056/COU Change of use from sui-generis to a mixed use cafe and wine bar with ancillary retail at 109 Church Road, Tarleton.
Application No: 2016/1074/FUL New garage, boundary wall and associated landscaping at Croasdale Corner, Croasdale Drive, Parbold.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Dated: 26th October 2016
Director of Development and Regeneration PDNOT920

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Could this be the reason why all cars these days are roughly the same?

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THE OTHER day I drove a car that was 112-years-old. It was vaguely terrifying because it threatened to break your wrists every time you yanked its starter handle,the pedals made no sense and even at 15mph you never really had a sense of whether you'd arrive at your destination safely.

So it's no bad thing that more than a century cars have evolved to the point where they're roughly the same. Pass your test in a Ka and a Koenigsnegg shouldn't prove too alien, because it'll still have pedals that work in the same way and you know that the red triangle will always operate the hazards if things go wrong.

It'll have a key, and chances are you'll buy it from a shiny building full of lots of other cars and a man with a neat suit over a cup of coffee.

But a new car company being launched by a Chinese conglomerate reckons it's about to rewrite the rulebook.

Not just any old outfit, either; you might not have heard of Geely Auto Group but it owns an up 'n' coming Swedish carmaker called Volvo. Apparently they do estates and safety tests rather well.

But Geely's new kid on the block isn't some Scandinavian load-lugger with a penchant for airbags (although it does share some bits with Volvo's new XC40). It's called the Lynk and Co 01, and it'll be followed in time by the 02, the 03 and so on. What this new company lacks in imaginative names it replaces with ideas straight out of *Dragons' Den*.

You'll only be able to buy it digitally for starters, and where most cars have a key this has an app that allows anyone you entrust with it to start it with their smartphone.

That sound you can hear right now is people on the internet oohing excitedly at the idea of cars no longer needing keys and being shared like messages on Facebook – but we've been here before.

Geely's already trying the technology out on Volvo's more upmarket models, but they come with decades of hard-earned reputation of being safe, solidly built and – in the case of the 850 T5 – fun to drive. They're good for being cars, not gimmicks.

It's only fair to reserve final judgement until we discover Lynk and Co's first model is brilliant to drive and utterly dependable, but the last manufacturer to try and break the UK with only one fantastic-sounding idea up its sleeve was Daewoo two decades ago. It took about five minutes for everyone to realise that revolution in car buying was yesterday's Vauxhall Astra reheated in the microwave, and it all ended in tears. Same goes for the Saturns, the Edsels and DeLoreans of this world.

I really hope that I'm wrong and the Lynk and Co 01 is a decent product, but there's a reason why all cars nowadays are roughly the same.

David is editor of Classic Car Weekly

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10 MAZDA 2 TS 3-DR HATCHBACK, finished in Verdant green metallic, only one owner from new, full Mazda service history, 2 keys, remote locking, A/C, 1200cc petrol engine, low insurance group, superb condition

03 NISSAN ALMERA S 5DR HATCHBACK, finished in silica gold metallic, long long MoT, serviced every 8,000 miles, 2 keys, remote locking, CD player, superb condition inside & out, **£995**

06 FORD FOCUS LX SPORT 3DR HATCHBACK, finished in silver metallic, 2 owners from new, full 12 months MoT, only 59,000 miles from new, 2 keys, part exchange available . **£2295**

52 MAZDA MX5 CONVERTIBLE, 1800CC PETROL ENGINE, Mazda alloys, cream leather interior, full 12 mths MoT. Factory fitted alarm, special edition trilogy model only 600 made **£2795**

05 CORSA LIFE TWINPORT 1.2 5DR HATCHBACK, in silver, excellent condition, low miles for year, 69,000 miles, low insurance, full MOT, contrasting grey trim, full service history, really clean car **£1495**

57 CITROEN XSARA PICASSO 1.6 DESIRE, finished in graphite grey metallic, low mileage only 52,000 from new, full service history, MPV 5 seater, rear parking sensors, air conditioning, 12 months MoT, remote locking, 2 keys, low insurance **£2795**

08 NISSAN NOTE DIESEL 5DR HATCHBACK, in silver, 2 owners, full service history, full MoT, air conditioning, service history, alloy wheels, 2 keys remote locking, only group 5 insurance cheap road tax **£2495**

08 NISSAN NOTE ACENTA AUTOMATIC, finished in intense blue metallic, full service history, 2 owners, half leather trim, Nissan alloy wheels, 12 months MoT, 2 keys supplied, climate control, electric windows and mirrors, tinted windows **£2995**

59 VAUXHALL MERIVA 1.6 CLUB 1600CC, finished in graphite grey, 3 rear seats, service history, full MoT, electric windows, air conditioning, CD player, 2 keys, service history **£2695**

58 VOLKSWAGEN POLO 1400CC 5DR, finished in star silver metallic, full VW service history, immaculate condition inside and out, CD player, air conditioning, alloy wheels, 2 keys, remote locking. **£2595**

08 SKODA FABIA 2 HTP 5-DR HATCHBACK in Silver Metallic. One lady owner from new. Full Skoda Service History. Very low mileage only 40,000. Remote locking, alloys **£3495**

11 CITROEN C1 VTR+, finished in red, only group 1 insurance, only £20 per year road tax, only 1 owner from new, travelled only 15,000 miles, full service history, central locking, air conditioning fitted, immaculate inside and out **£3995**

64 FORD KA STUDIO 3DR HATCHBACK, finished in panther black, full history, electric windows, air conditioning, only group 1 insurance, 1 owner from new, low road tax, low insurance, only £20 road tax, superb economy. **£4995**

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58 FIAT GRAND PUNTO 3DR HATCHBACK, finished in battleship grey, service history, 2 owners, full 12 months MoT, power assisted steering, low insurance, central locking, electric windows, 2 keys supplied **£2295**

07 HYUNDAI GETZ 5DR HATCHBACK, finished in black, low road tax, very low insurance group, 2 keys, full service history, 12 months MoT, superb economy, very low mileage, only 20,000 from new, only one owner from new **£2495**

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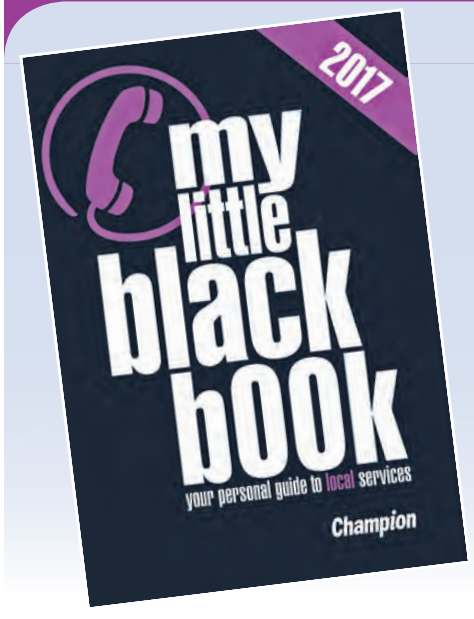

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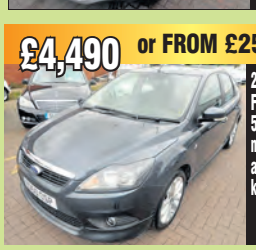

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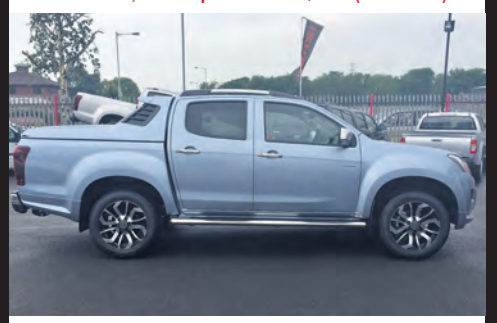

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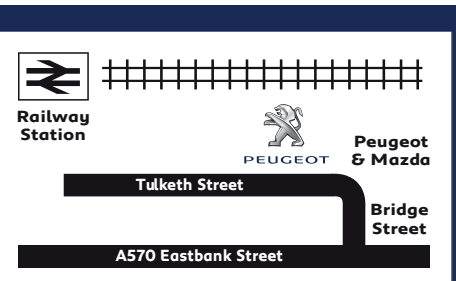

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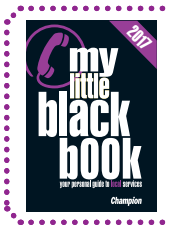

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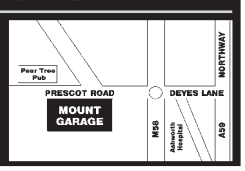

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Linnets denied a point by late goal for Hyde

Hyde United 3
Burscough 2

BURSCOUGH conceded a late goal to deny them a much-needed point as they continue to look for their first win of the season.

The home side opened the scoring on 18 minutes though Pilkinton but the Linnets hit back through a stunning free kick from Smith to level the scoreline.

Burscough gained momentum and minutes later they took the lead to make it 2-1 going into half time. The opening 15 minutes of the second half was scrappy, and both sides struggled to impose themselves on the game.

On 63 minutes, Bevins pulled the Tigers level, with a well taken goal, and the remaining 27 minutes was a matter of attack versus defence as Hyde pushed for the winner.

With the clock running down, former Southport player manager Andy Bishop fired home from close range to give Hyde all three points.

Burscough travel to Tadcaster Albion this Saturday at 3pm.

Kendal could be tough test for Skem in FA Trophy tie

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

SATURDAY is FA Trophy day at Skelmersdale United's Uretek Stadium, when Kendal Town travel down the M6.

Skelmersdale have done well in the competition over recent years, only last season defeating Hyde United before that wonderful night at home to National League North side Chorley, when Tommy Lawson's side fought back from the cusp of defeat to win against the odds.

The next round saw Skem drawn away at AFC Fylde and given no chance on paper; however, the tie was a memorable one.

Just after half-time the National League North big boys were 3-0 up, then Skelmersdale clicked into gear, not just levelling the score but taking the lead, only to see Fylde grab a last gasp equaliser to make it 4-4 on the night.

The Coasters went on to win a replay that was played at Salford RLFC, but it was a remarkable run.

Many would have been looking forward to a West Lancashire derby against Burscough since the draw for the FA Trophy was made back in July, but the Linnets crashed out at home to Kendal, dashing those hoping for a big local game.

Kendal may be a division behind Skelmersdale but they will pose tough opposition, although sitting ninth in the table they are only one point outside the play-off zone, with 21 points from 14 games.

Tommy Lawson's side should also beware, Kendal have a good away record, from seven games they have only lost twice, in fact constituting a better away record than home record.

Saturday will also be a milestone in the career of Skem's longest serving player Kenny Strickland, who makes his 300th appearance for the club.

Next midweek another cup comes to the Uretek Stadium as Widnes visit for Liverpool County FA Senior Cup tie, kicking off at 7.45pm.

That game is subject to there not being a replay in the FA Trophy match against Kendal, which if necessary will be the same night kick off 7.45pm.

The Widnes game according to club historian Kevin Panther will also be a special occasion for manager Tommy Lawson, as it will be his 600th game in charge of Skelmersdale United.

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'We'll work hard to turn things around'

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

Skelmersdale United 1
Hednesford Town 3

Max Hazeldine wins a header. Picture by John Driscoll

SKELMERSDALE are bottom of the Evo Stick Premier Division table after a fourth straight loss in a row.

Results are not going Skelmersdale's way this season, but on recent form they are surely due to climb the table after arguably deserving at least a point from their last two matches.

Manager Tommy Lawson said after the game: "When you look at the score 3-1, it looks like we were well beaten, we weren't.

"I don't think we are getting the run of the ball, but when things are like that you have to work even harder to turn it around.

"We were always looking to be the more positive team and I think we more than matched them."

A feature of Hednesford's early play was the closing down of the Skelmersdale defence and on nine minutes it paid dividends.

Three times Skem attempted to clear the ball and three times it was charged down, the third time the bounce put Simeon Maye into the clear and he slotted low into the Skelmersdale net.

Hednesford started the second period in a determined mood and Ashley Sammons doubled the visitor's lead with a low drive on 53 minutes.

Skelmersdale struck back within two minutes. Wall played a one two with Tom Ince, the former saw his shot parried by Ramsome and the ball went high into the sky as it dropped Hazeldine headed home into an empty net.

Skelmersdale upped their game, Benito Lowe fired wide, then at the other end Jonah O'Reilly was sharp enough to see off a Maye shot.

In the 70th minute, Skelmersdale got a man advantage but it cost them a man too. Tristian Dunkley put an over the top challenge on Tony Rendell. Dunkley was dismissed, but Skelmersdale lost the services of the industrious Rendell in the middle of the park with an ankle injury.

Skelmersdale were now on top and Hednesford now had to rely on the counterattack.

In the 81st minute Ben Hodkinson went close with a header then on 85 minutes he latched onto the ball at the far post and really should have scored. It was a crucial miss as five minutes into added time Hednesford defender Lewis Wright punted the ball long into a deserted Skelmersdale half of the pitch, Joel Logan broke unchallenged, rounded Fearon and gave Hednesford a victory margin that really rather flattered them.

Next up for Skem is an FA Trophy clash at home to Kendal Town on Saturday at 3pm.

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